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CHRISTOPHER KOONCE FAMILY FROM BIENVILLE PARISH, LA

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James C. Koonce died in 1889. He and his wife Susan are buried in White Rock Cemetery, Shelby County, Texas. They had the following children:

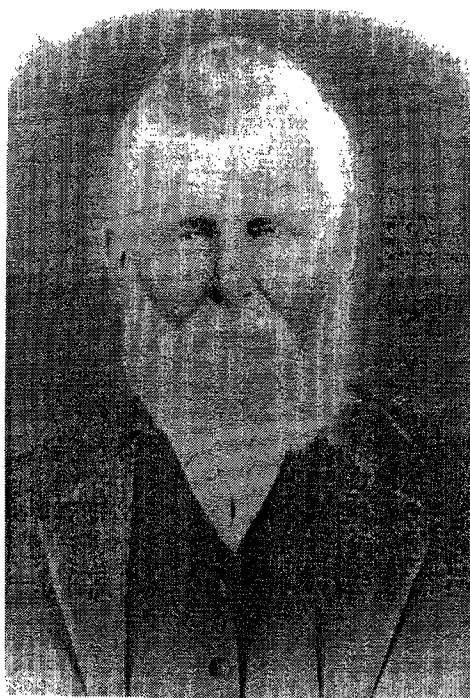
(1). Christopher Koonce born 30 May 1833, died 24 Mar 1915, m. 23 December 1858 to Louisa A. Chandler, daughter of Elias and Nancy (Borrow) Chandler. Louisa was born January 1844 in Mississippi and died 5 January 1905. They are both buried in Weaver Cemetery near Gorman, Texas. They had eight children.

(2). John D. Koonce was born 1836 in Louisiana. He married 17 January 1859, Nacogdoches County, Texas to Nancy Stewart, daughter of T.L. and Mary Stewart. She was born 1840 in Alabama. John D. Koonce died in the Civil War 1862-1864, and Nancy died ca 1865. They had one son, Thomas James Koonce.

(3). Thomas William Koonce was born 7 November 1837, in Louisiana, he died between 1900 and 1910 in Van Zandt County, Texas. Thomas W. Koonce married his first cousin, Nancy J. Koonce-Chandler-Dailey on 11 November 1868. Nancy Jane Koonce was the daughter of Amander and Martha (Byas) Koonce. She was born in Louisiana in 1840. She and Thomas W. Koonce had six Children.

(4). Daniel Koonce born 12 November 1839, Louisiana, died 12 March 1904, Panola County, Texas. He married 15 June 1865, Nacogdoches County, Texas to

Mary Jane Cooper, daughter of James and Lucretia Cooper. She was born 21 January 1849, and died 18 December 1918 Carthage, Panola County, Texas.



Amander Koonce, 1808-1884, son of Christopher and "Polly" Brinson Koonce

They are both buried in Six Mile Cemetery. They had ten children.

(5). Sarah Koonce born 1842 and died in infancy.

(6.) William J. Koonce b. 19 Dec. 1844, died between 1896-1900. He married 5 Aug 1865 San Augustine County, Texas to Elizabeth Ann (Lizzie) Chandler, daughter of Elias and Nancy (Borrow) Chandler, she was born in Miss and died 4 July 1922. William J,

was a Baptist Preacher, he was killed by a falling limb in Attoyac bottom. He joined the Civil War in Marksville, Louisiana 20 February 1864, Company A. He and "Lizzie" had five children.

(7). Philip Koonce born 19 July 1846, Louisiana, died 2 February 1940, Shelby County, Texas. He married 10 October 1869 to Eliza (Elsie) Chandler. She was born 14 June 1851, Mississippi and died 11 February 1940. They are both buried in White Rock Cemetery, Shelby County, Texas. Eight Children were born to this union.

(8). Amander Koonce born July 1850, Nacogdoches Co., TX. Married ca 1875 to Margaret E. Wilkerson. She was born 17 Aug 1858 in Texas and died 13 June 1915 in Toro, LA. She is buried at Pisgah Baptist Cem., ten miles west of Hornbeck, LA. Amander Koonce died in Texas and is buried in an unmarked grave in White Rock Cem., Shelby Co., Texas. Amander was a Baptist Preacher, he and Margaret had three children.

(9). Lenora Koonce was born 24 June 1852 and died 2 June 1888, Shelby Co., Texas. She married 30 August 1870 to James C. Palmer born 22 September 1847 in Mississippi. He died 2 April 1888. They are both buried in White Rock Cemetery. Nine children were born to this couple.

(10). George W. Koonce born 24 October 1855, he was killed by a falling tree 30 May 1894. He married 30 August 1875 to Frances Marie (Fannie) Cooper. She was born 25 January 1856. George W. and Fannie Koonce had seven children.

(11). Texann A. Koonce born 16 Jan

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EDITORS CORNER

by John Paul Koonce

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

This was the month that summer ended and the slow, cold, boring winter started. Well the idiocy of genealogy got to me. I mailed out 1,349 letters to Koonces across the nation. And at the same time I'm preparing this newsletter. But I love it. Remember last year I mailed 1,467 post cards to the same Koonces? I said I would never do it again because we enlisted only seven new members from that mailing. But what great members they are. We have increased our Koonce files by about 200 people from these seven new members. See page 7 for a story on my sister, Carol Loehr, Cousin Judy Koonce and cousin, "New Member" Gene Koonce.

Roger & Jo Ann Koonce, Greenville, SC are new members. Roger descends from the Virginia branch and Jo Ann comes from the North Carolina line. More on that in a future issue.

About 250 letters were returned by the Post Office as undeliverable because of, "insufficient address, No Forwarding Address, address unknown, etc. The most interesting one, sent to Ruby L. Koonce, Tulsa, OK, came back with a hand written note, "doesn't live at all!". Does that mean Ruby doesn't have a life or has Ruby died? I called on the phone, but the number was not in service.

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Christopher Koonce Family

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uary 1857, died 23 February 1916 and is buried in Good Hope Cemetery, Shelby County, Texas. She married James Calvin Hammers and they had eight children.

(12). Courtney Koonce born 16 Oct 1860, died 16 Oct 1952. He married in 1881 to Jessie Della Jones. She was born 1 Jan 1862 died 18 Apr 1947. She was the daughter of Jesse David and Jane (Snow) Jones. They are both buried in White Rock Cemetery, Shelby County, Texas. Courtney and Della had eight children.

5. George B. Koonce, son of Christopher and Polly (Brinson) Koonce, born 1816 in Wilson County, Tenn. He married 1834-5 to Martha (?). She was born 1819 in Missouri or Arkansas, both states have been given on census records. She died before 1860 and George died sometime after 1880. They had the following children:

(1). George Washington Koonce born 2 November 1835 in Claiborne Parish, Louisiana. He married Mary Hearn 4 January 1858 in Bienville Parish, Louisiana. Mary "Polly" (Hearn) Koonce was born 22 Oct. 1841, AL. George W. Koonce served as a Scout for the South during the Civil War. George and "Polly" were living in Sabine Parish, LA in July 1860. By 1880 they were living in Calcasieu Parish. Present day descendants still live at Sulphur, Calcasieu Parish. This family was in the timber business, floating rafts with lumber down the Sabine River. Some of them were "wild catters" drilling for oil in the Hackberry fields. They hauled lumber from Sulphur, LA to Hackberry for the boilers of the drilling rigs. George W. and Mary (Hearn) Koonce had twelve children, seven boys and five girls, George W. died 25 January 1923 and Mary died 5 June 1930. They are both buried at Big Woods Cemetery at Edgerley, LA.

(2). Anna M. Koonce, the daughter of George B. and Martha Koonce b. 1838 in Claiborne Parish, LA. No further data.

(3). Holly Elizabeth Koonce born 1843, Claiborne Parish and married (1st) 18 June 1857, Bienville Parish, LA, to Isaac A. Walker. He was born 1838 in MS, and died during the Civil War. Family tradition has it that Isaac made his

younger brother, William, promise if he did not come back from the war he would marry Holly. Isaac and Holly had three children, William A., Martha L. and Isaac J. True to his promise Isaac's brother William James Walker m. Holly Elizabeth (Koonce) Walker 5 May 1865 in Calcasieu Parish, LA. William James



George Washington Koonce and Mary "Polly" Hearn Koonce, George W. was the son of George B. and Martha Koonce.

Walker was born 30 Sep. 1839 in MS. After Holly and William married they moved to Montgomery Co., TX and raised a large family. Her descendants kept five Civil War letters from Isaac to her and his father from the battleground at Vicksburg. (4). Mary Ann Koonce, b. 26 Oct. 1845 LA and d. 29 Apr. 1930 in Montgomery Co., TX. Mary Ann Koonce m. John J. Walker, son of Asa George and Susan Lurany (Carpenter) Walker. He was born 17 March 1843 in MS, married in Bienville Parish, LA in 1865. He died in Montgomery Co., TX 20 Aug. 1915. Mary Ann and John had eleven children born to them.

(5). Adline E. Koonce born 1847 in LA. In marriage records for Bienville Parish, LA there was a marriage license for Adline Koonce to T. J. Ray, in 1884.

(6). Philip B. Koonce b. 1848 Bienville Parish, LA. Philip B. Koonce was shown on the 1850 Bienville Parish, Louisiana census. We have been unable to

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KOONCES OF THE NORTHEAST

by Thomas E. Palmer

THE HONORABLE GEORGE KOONCE 1818-1908



Senator George Koonce

George Koonce was born in the Steubenville, Ohio area in 1818, and is believed to have been the second son of Nicholas and Elizabeth SHRIVER Koonce. It is also believed that the Koonce family had moved from Virginia to the Steubenville area where Nicholas engaged in farming and possibly in the construction of mills as it was said that he "turned his attention readily to anything of a mechanical nature." Shortly after George was born, the family returned to Virginia and bought land in Loudoun County in the valley between the Blue Ridge Mountains and the Short Hills. Around 1825, the family moved again, this time a short distance west over the Blue Ridge and settled in Harpers Ferry where George grew to manhood. On 01 SEP 1840, George married Emily PILES (b. 13 JUL 1821; d. 01 NOV 1853), the daughter of Samuel and Mary Piles. In the 13 years of their marriage, George and Emily had six children: George Willard, Imogene Francis, Mary Elizabeth, Charles Jacob, Alice Roberta, and Anna Amelia

The following obituary is from The Spirit of Jefferson, the county seat newspaper of Jefferson Co., WV.

"Death of Hon. George KOONCE"

April 17, 1818 - July 23, 1908

Honorable George Koonce, one of the oldest and most prominent citizens of Jefferson County, died at his home, "Ellerslie" near Halltown on Thursday last, at the advance age of ninety years.

The large part of his earlier life, Mr. Koonce spent at Harpers Ferry and was an active Free Mason and Odd Fellow. He was in politics a Republican and always took an active part in party matters. He was a member of the House of Delegates of the reorganized or "Pierpont" government of Va. and W. Va. at the time of the formation of this state. Subsequently, he was a member of the West Virginia Senate and afterwards, served as Deputy United States Marshall and Deputy Sheriff.

He was a public spirited citizen, and although a man of strong convictions, was genial and affable in his nature and a kind neighbor and friend.

He was twice married, his first wife being Miss Emily PYLES and his surviving wife, formerly Miss Bettie Ellen BRITTAIN. Besides the latter, he leaves nine children as follows: George Willard Koonce, Charles Koonce, Dr. Claude Koonce, Harry Stafford Koonce, and Darrell Kenneth Koonce of this county, Mrs. C. Edmund Young of Baltimore, Mrs. Alice Kessler of Richmond, Virginia, Dr. Howard Koonce of Pittsburgh, Mrs. William L. Black of New York.

Funeral services were held at his late residence Sunday morning, conducted by his son-in-law, Rev. Charles Edmund Young of Baltimore, after which the remains were interred in the Lutheran Cemetery** at Harpers Ferry.

The pallbearers were Messrs. Cleon Moore, George Childs, John Porterfield, W. N. Buckles, J. Wm. Rider, H. N. Bradley, Chas. Johnson, and Thomas Reale.

*** George Koonce is interred in the Bolivar Cemetery, Bolivar, WV.*

Eliza. Shortly after the birth of their first child, George and Emily moved to Bond County, Illinois with his parents, where their second child was born. Prior to the birth of their fourth child, Charles Jacob (b. 1848), George moved his family back to Harpers Ferry where he became a prominent member of the community as a merchant, farmer, and county and state official. After Emily died in 1853, George remained a widower for sometime before marrying his brother's (John) sister-in-law, Bettie Ellen BRITTAIN (b. 06 JAN 1837; d. 06 APR 1920), the daughter of Joseph and Mary Ellen Brittain of England and Winchester, VA. George and Bettie had

seven children: Charles, Howard, Estelle May, Claude Jacob, Maude Bettie, Harry Stafford, and Darrell Kenneth.

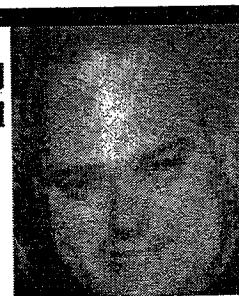
As related in his obituary, George was very active in politics and community affairs. While growing up in Harpers Ferry, he became good friends with Edwin M. Stanton, the Secretary of War under President Abraham Lincoln, and when controversy arose over the division of Virginia at the outbreak of the Civil War, George was persuaded by Stanton to attend the meetings at Wheeling as a convention representative from Jefferson county. To the dismay of many of the county citizens, the separation of the west-

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KOONCE vs KOONCE

A History of the Koonce Family in the American Civil War, 1861-1865

by David L. Koonce



I thought, as we begin a new year, it would be nice to let everyone know where 1995 will take this series, also to ask for some information and of course, share with you.

The Koonce family of the Civil War fought literally on all fronts. The spring quarter article with focus on some of the Texas branch of the family and their escapades in the West Texas and New Mexico campaigns of General Sibley. This campaign is the farthest west of any organized effort during the war. The summer quarter will swing far east to North Carolina and the efforts and tragedy of that branch of our family. The fall will take us to the Missouri and Arkansas theater for a visit from the Illinois Koonce line and the winter quarter will end with a nearly central focus on the battle of Shiloh or Pittsburgh Landing and how two Koonce family members on opposite sides may have met. The amount of research required generally sets the time when I can write about each area. So please be patient.

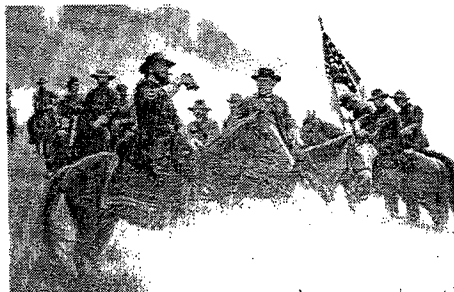
Beginning this new year I would also like to remind all of our readers that I am always on the lookout for information on the Koonce family. Anyone with records they are willing to copy and send please do so. Likewise, if you have a question about a particular family member, write or phone and ask. I have on hand the unit histories of practically all the southern and northern branches of the family. I may be able to fill in some information for you.

For instances, did you know that Co. K (a fitting initial) of the 61st North Carolina Infantry regiment mustered in under the name Koonce's Irregulars. Officered by 1st Lt. Henry C. Koonce and 2nd Lt. Simon E. Koonce it contained privates Edward B. Koonce, Isaac Koonce and William Koonce and Gabriel F. Koonce. I'm trying to determine if Francis D. Koonce was its Captain. I've found references to the 61st at the Battle of the Crater in Petersburg, VA. My research continues.

I'm also looking to see if Co. A of the 34th North Carolina which was under Scales and Pender at the Battle of Gettysburg participated in Pickett's Charge on the third day. I know the regiment was there and that the North Carolina brigades penetrated farther into the Union line and stayed longer than did the men of Pickett's Brigade. This unit contains George, Hamilton and John Koonce. If so, Koonces may have began and ended the Battle of Gettysburg because the 2nd North Carolina went head to head with the Union Iron Brigade on the first

day contained John P. Koonce, R.H. Koonce, William B. Koonce, Calvin H. Koonce, Elijah B. Koonce, James H. Koonce and Michael Koonce. Anyone who has specific information on any of these people, including Elijah B. Koonce, I would love to have it.

From the time Fort Sumpter was fired on, on 12 April 1861, to the surrender at Appomattox on 9 April 1865, North Carolina provided more troops to the southern cause than any other state. Thanks to aggressive governorship, largely under Gov. Vance, the state trained, outfitted and maintained most of its own troops in the field. It would cost the state dearly. Over 20,000 of its soldiers



James Longstreet and Robert E. Lee
from Mort Kenteles Painting

would die and this number is probably far higher as many of the records are now lost. The Old North State was the last state to have an open port for blockade runners, Wilmington N.C. would not fall until January 1865. Throughout the war the supplies provided from North Carolina were able to sustain the Confederate army of R. E. Lee in the field. During the nine month siege at Petersburg it alone was able to ship Lee enough equipment to maintain his presence. The railroad system of the state continued to function to the very end of the war. Mr. Jefferson Davis and his government were able to use it to flee south after the fall of Richmond Virginia in the closing days of the war.

Into this environment with its prewar controversy and the growing split between the government in Washington D.C. and the states rights people, comes Lewis Koonce of Jones County, NC. This son of Lewis and Tabitha Koonce was born in 1836. Twenty four years later on 24 May 1860 he married Sarah Hall in Jones Co. Before fate intervened they have one year together. On 20 May 1861 the State of North Carolina secedes from the Union. Three days ahead of

Virginia. Lewis makes his decision quickly and on 17 June 1861 is in Camp Green with Singletary's Inf. Battalion, Colonel George B. Singletary commanding. It's organized into the 27th Inf. Regiment on 28 Sept. 1861 and Lewis is in Company I. The regiment is assigned to Samuel G. French's brigade, District of Pamlico, Department of North Carolina operating in the Pamlico Sound region of North Carolina. This is the home area of Lewis and he probably felt quite comfortable here.

Into this area comes U.S.A. General Ambrose Burnside and the first major incursion into the south by the Union Army. With 12,000 men and 80 ships he begins his operation in Jan. 1862. His written objectives include the capture of Roanoke Island, to seize or block the canal system connecting North Carolina with Norfolk, Virginia. Capture New Bern and Beaufort, North Carolina, destroy as much of the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad as possible and destroy or neutralize Fort Macon. In effect, taking the NC coast region out of the war and denying its use to the confederacy and blockade runners while providing a springboard for future operations into the heart of the confederacy. Sometimes by maneuver and others by sharp little fights the NC Barrier islands fall. The Roanoke Island and its garrison fall. The small, poorly armed and equipped Confederate States Navy, operating in the sound area and known as the Mosquito Fleet, is no match for the opposition and is slowly destroyed and moves out of the area.

Confident Burnside moves on New Bern. C.S.A. General L. O'Branch is in overall command with six regiments and some light artillery. Burnside pushes 11 regiments into the area and has naval support. On 16 March 1862 the battle for possession of New Bern, the city the Koonce Family helped found in 1710/11 is fought. The 27th NC is charged with holding the line near Fort Thompson on the Neuse River and becomes involved in a rifle duel with the 25th Mass. Due to poor troop placement and green troops, the battle is lost for the confederacy when another part of the line collapses. But Lewis has seen his first conflict. Battle losses, including those of the 27th, are 64 Confederate dead to 88 Federal, 89 Southerners are wounded to 370 Federal.

Thru April and May 1862 there are minor operations in the area to contain Burnside. Unable to advance further, the fighting dies out

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The area now becomes infested with guerilla operations and becomes a backwater to major events taking place elsewhere.

In the spring of 1862 the Army of the Potomac under George B. McClellan makes its long awaited move on Richmond. Under its overly cautious commander the army crawls up the Virginia Peninsula but finally gets so near Richmond that some of its troops can see the steeples of the taller buildings and hear the church bells as they peal within. The Confederate Army of Northern Virginia up to this time is operating under General Joseph Johnston.

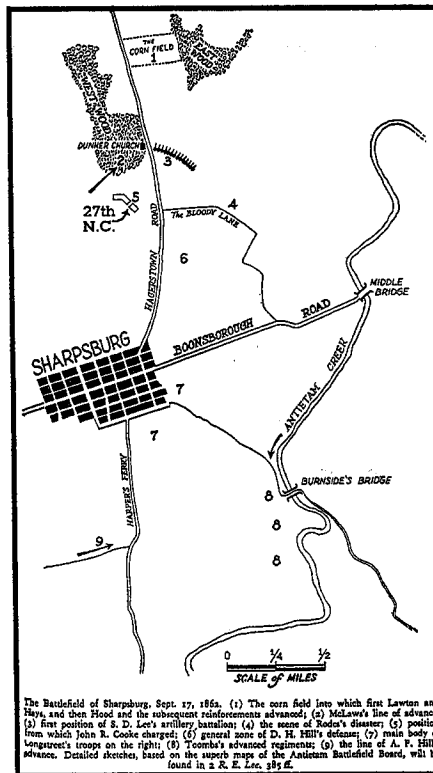
Wounded, General Robert E. Lee assumes command on 1 June 1862 and begins a journey into history. Consolidating his forces, Lee reorganizes the army and Lewis and the 27th are placed under the Brigade of John G. Walker. During the seven days fighting in which Lee drove the Army of the Potomac away from Richmond and back on its supply base on the James River. The 27th will see action at Gaines Mill, Hanover Courthouse, engage on the Chickahominy River crossings and be present but not actively engaged at Malvern Hill where this author believes a prelude to 3 July 1863 took place. The Union army with strong artillery support is entrenched on the high ground. Confederate artillery is beaten down by Union Artillery when it tries to soften up the position. The Confederate ground attack takes place in the open and going up a hill. The attackers, of Jacksons Corps, are slaughtered and beaten back. Thru this, and the seven days fighting ranks as one of the top ten bloodiest battles of the war, the now Corporal Lewis Koonce receives not a scratch. He was promoted to corporal on May 1, 1862.

Cpl. Koonce gets little rest. The regiment still in Walkers Brigade now commanded by Col. John R. Cooke is placed in the division of Gen. Lafayette McLaws and in Sept. 1862 moves suddenly with Lee for the first invasion of the north. While Lee is in MD, McLaws, in concert with the command of Gen. Thomas (Stonewall) Jackson, moves on the federal armory at Harpers Ferry, VA, on Sept. 12 thru the 15th. Situated inland, for security against foreign invasion, Harpers Ferry sits in a bowl surrounded by the Potomac Heights. He who controls the heights controlled Harpers Ferry.

John Brown knew when he took the arsenal, Jackson knew when he took it in 1861, and he knew it again now. With Jacksons men occupying the attention of the garrison McLaws moved in and took possession of the Maryland side of the heights. With his cannon aimed into the town, the federal commander had no choice

but surrender. The union suffered 44 killed 173 wounded and 12,520 captured, plus the many stores that fell to the confederates.

A foot race now begins, for Lee has again divided his army. Half have taken Harpers Ferry. The rest are now defending a position just a few miles away at Sharpsburg, Maryland. Leaving McLaws to detail the prisoners and secure the captured supplies then come on, Jackson races to Sharpsburg and the lines along Antietam Creek. Finishing his work as rapidly as possible McLaws also begins a foot race for Sharpsburg. As they approach they can hear the fighting.



The Battlefield of Sharpsburg, Sept. 17, 1862. (1) The corn field into which first Lawton and Reynolds, and then Hood and the subsequent reinforcements advanced; (2) McLaws' line of advance; (3) first position of S. D. Lee's artillery battalions; (4) the scene of Roda's disaster; (5) position from which John R. Cooke charged; (6) general zone of D. H. Hill's defense; (7) main body of Longstreet's troops on the right; (8) Coon's advanced regiment; (9) the line of A. P. Hill's advance. Detailed sketches, based on the superb maps of the Antietam Battlefield Board, will be found in a R. E. Lee, 385 ff.

Heavily outnumbering the Army of Northern Virginia, the Army of the Potomac is attacking. Corporal Lewis Koonce will be in the thick of it. The 27th North Carolina arrives on the field as the left wing of their army is giving way, the center is under great pressure at the sunken road, the army of R.E. Lee is in danger of destruction. Into this maelstrom comes Colonel Cooke. He is on the right side of McLaws line, between the Dunker Church and the Sunken Road (hereinafter referred to as the Bloody Lane). Colonel Cooke attacks and with his one regiment stops the union attack. Confederate General James Longstreet says in his report of the battle. "We were un-

der the crest of a hill occupying a position that ought to have held by from four to six brigades. The only troops there were Cookes regiment of North Carolina infantry and they were without a cartridge. It was easy to see if the federals broke through our lines the army would be cut in two and probably destroyed." Longstreet was able to find some artillery to support the infantry and when Cooke told him he was out of ammunition, Longstreet told him he must hold. For the next several minutes, every time the federal forces advanced their artillery would fire and the 27th soldiers would yell and wave their flags. The federals hesitated to attack, unsure what lay in front of them. Support came up from general Hood and R.H. Anderson and the line was secured. Colonel Cooke and the 27th NC and Corporal Lewis Koonce had saved the Army of Northern VA. The battle of Antietam would end. Lee would move his army south of the Potomac River. McClellan being cautious would not pursue. Antietam would go into history as the bloodiest one day of the war. An example will suffice. Walkers Brigade including the 27th is recorded as 140 killed, 684 wounded and 93 missing. Perhaps as a reward for what happened at Sharpsburg, Lewis Koonce is promoted to Sergeant on 1 Oct. 1862.

What rest the army of R.E. Lee gets now will end at Fredericksburg, Virginia on 13 December 1862. Here the Army of the Potomac now under General Ambrose Burnside crosses the Rappahannock River, takes the little town and advances up a long hill to confederate positions behind a stone wall on Mayre's Heights. Lafayette McLaws and General Walker and the 27th North Carolina are behind that wall. Union forces try five times and fail to take it. Federal losses will total 12,553. Confederate losses 5,377. Most of the federal casualties came while trying to take the wall.

The year of 1862 has been a long and hard one. The Army of Northern Virginia has fought many battles and its men are tired. Winter sets in. During the winter of 1862/1863 Sergeant Lewis Koonce becomes ill. In February of 1863 he is at the large Confederate States Hospital of Poplar Lawn, in Petersburg, Virginia, just north of the North Carolina state line. On 24 February 1863 he dies of disease while at the hospital. Records indicate his personal effects at the time were clothing and \$15.60.

I like to think that being so close to home his wife of not three years was able to visit.

I would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy New Year. David L. Koonce, 1 Caribou Ct., Fairfield Ohio, 45014. 513-874-6711.

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locate him in LA. We found a Philip B. (enjamin) Koonce on census records, marriage records, tax lists, etc., in Van Zandt Co., TX. The Van Zandt records indicate that this Philip B. Koonce was born in 1853. He married Rebecca Williams 13 June 1872. The census said that Philip was born in LA. Was he the son of George B. Koonce and the grandson of Christopher and Polly (Brinson) Koonce?

(7). Missouri Koonce born 1858 in



James C. Koonce 1815-1889, son of Christopher & Polly and his wife Susan Johnson

LA. This is all we have of the seventh child of George B. and Martha Koonce.

6. Philip Koonce, son of Christopher and Polly (Brinson) Koonce, was born 7th of July 1822 in LA, he died 5 March 1902. November the 18th 1845 Philip married Elizabeth Drinkard, the daughter of Ellington Drinkard of Marengo, Alabama. She was willed all the real estate in Bienville Parish, Louisiana being a tract of one quarter section or about 160 acres owned by her father Ellington Drinkard. Elizabeth (Drinkard) Koonce was born 17th day of April 1823. She died 1st April 1893, and she and Philip are buried in Beach Grove Cemetery, Anacoco, LA. They had five boys and five girls.

(1). Mary Jane Koonce born 17 August 1846, Bienville Parish, Louisiana. She died 20 Jan 1904 in Vernon Parish, LA. She married 3 March 1870 to Cullen F. Conerly, son of John R. and Elizabeth (Tynes) Conerly. He was born 29 Dec. 1842 Marion County, Mississippi, and died 13 Nov 1887 Vernon Parish. Cullen F. Conerly was sheriff of Vernon Parish at the time of his death. Children born to this union were three girls and five sons.

(2). Cora Elizabeth Koonce was born 12th June 1848, Bienville Parish, LA.

married Oct 1872 to Dr. N.Y. Moore.

(3). Lenora Hollan Koonce born 25 March 1850 Bienville Parish, Louisiana. Married 31 July 1883 to Lud J. Nash. Two children: Lud and Nora Nash.

(4). Sarah Ann Koonce born 29 June 1852 Bienville Parish, Louisiana. Died 4 March 1864, 11 years, 8 Months, and 25 days. She is buried at Beach Grove Cemetery, Anacoco, LA.

(5). James Philip Koonce born 18 November 1855 in Bienville Parish, Louisiana. Died 19 June 1947. James Philip married 18 November 1880 to Lillie Z. Burr. She was born 16 October 1854 and died 26 December 1935. They are buried in Old Anacoco Cemetery on Hawthorne Road at Anacoco, Louisiana. They had five children.

(6). William Allen Koonce, son of Philip and Elizabeth (Drinkard) Koonce was b 26 Sep 1857 in Bienville Parish, Louisiana. William Allen did not marry.

(7). Benjamin Franklin Koonce born 24 July 1860 in Sabine Parish, Louisiana. He died 6 November 1924. In 1896 he married Josephine (Phenie) Franklin, she was born 26 August 1875 and Died 21 November 1939. They had four children: Jethun Warren, Jewel, Eril and Alton Koonce.

(8). David Brandon "Dave" Koonce born 2 July 1864, died 18 October 1944 in Louisiana. He married 1904 Sobelia P. Kay who was born 4 May 1877 and died 10 May 1863. They had children: Travis, Coyt, Dwight and Elgin Koonce.

(9). Jerucia Ellen Koonce born 8 August 1862. She did not marry.

(10). John Christopher Ellington Koonce born 24 July 1866, died 14 June 1927 Sabine Parish, LA. John married ca 1885 to Emma Youngblood. She was born 30 Oct. 1868 and died 8 Mar. 1905 at Sabin Parish, LA. They had five chil-

dren, two sons and three daughters.

John and his brother William built and operated a water mill on Sandy Creek near the Billy Dixon place in the northwest portion of Vernon Parish. It was operated as a grist mill, gin and sawmill. John and Emma's oldest son Philip Anderson Koonce was an educator in Natchitoches, Louisiana. Philip Koonce, the youngest of Christopher Koonce's children first settled at Alberta, Louisiana, from there he moved to Sparta, then the County Seat of Bienville Parish, Louisiana. In 1859 he "headed" for Texas to join his two brothers there. He stopped five miles east of Haddens Ferry -- the east fork of Sandy Creek near the very spot where old Good Hope Church now stands. He saw there some fine looking land and there he decided to stay. A family argument soon followed as Elizabeth, his wife, wanted to go on to Texas, but Philip wanted to stay there by the beautiful stream. He won the argument and there he pitched his tent and they dwelt there for forty years. He went to Natchitoches and entered a whole section of land and soon began clearing fields and building houses. When Vernon Parish was made a parish, Philip Koonce was first president of the parish board of education. He taught some in the public schools but primarily he was a farmer. He was also a great churchman, and he helped to build the old Good Hope Baptist Church and was one of its strongest supporters. In 1899 Philip Koonce moved to Ft. Jessup with his son John and died there in 1902.

After Mary Ann "Polly" (Brinson) Koonce died ca 1826, Christopher Koonce married (2nd) Martha Williams, She was born 1784 and died in Bienville Parish, Louisiana in 1866. There is no issue born to this second marriage.

Some present-day descendants believe

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This German Flintlock Rifle was probably the kind that Joahnn Koonce brought over from Germany in 1710. It was made about 1685 in Tojhusmuseet, Copenhagen. The barrel was 30.4 inches long and it was a .59 Cal.

Gene Koonce writes from Portland, OR

November 20, 1994

Dear John;

My wife, Bernice, and I sure enjoyed the breakfast we had with my 5th cousins Carol and Judy Koonce. I showed them some photo's and made some zerox copies for you.

I have enclosed the forms you sent me via Carol. Do you have any information on Jessie Koonce? Wife's name, other children etc? My great grandfather, George Small Koonce, suppose to have said he left Tennessee because of a family dispute over slavery. The only time he returned to Tennessee was during the civil war to bring his sister-in-law and four children to Indiana for safety. He served as postmaster and also Justice-of-the-Peace for a number of years. He attended a German school and church growing up in Tennessee. Also my grandfather, Andrew Jackson Koonce, attended a German school and church in Posey County Indiana. They both spoke High German. George Small Koonce was also a powerful swimmer and he could swim the Ohio River, when flooded, where it was a mile wide.

A cholera epidemic swept through southwest Indiana in 1873 killing whole families, George Small Koonce, John Hamil & wife Martha Koonce Hamil, two of their children and Nancy Victoria Koonce died from cholera.

Albion Illinois was about 60 miles from Evansville, Indiana. When I was growing up my mom, dad and I would visit my grandparents at least twice a month. During the summers I would go stay with them for about a month and thought I was helping my grandfather. I was probably getting in his way, but if I did he didn't say anything as he was a gentile and kind individual. They never did learn to drive a car. I enlisted in the marine corps in late 1943 when I was 17. Before I left for boot camp I went to see them.

He was probably 84 years old but still kept busy mostly producing eggs from his layers and growing vegetables. He hitched up his horse to the wagon and we loaded the wagon with the eggs and vegetables and went to town and he sold the eggs and vegetables and then bought what food and supplies they needed and then we returned to the farm. I am glad I did go to visit before I left as my grandmother died before I returned home from WWII. My grandfather also was the Edwards County chairman of the Democratic Party for approximately thirty years.

I didn't have too much information on my cousins, Donald and Dale Koonce. I have been married twice, but Donald has been married three times and Dale about five times.

A little information about my dad and my

uncle Bob. They completed elementary school in White Co. Ill. There was no high school in the county, so they continued to help their father farm. The family moved to



Judy Koonce, Carol (Koonce) Loehr, Gene & Bernice Koonce in Portland, OR. 1994. Judy, Portland, OR, and Carol, St. Paul, MN, are first cousins. They are 5th cousins to Gene of Portland, OR. Bernice is Gene's wife.

Albion, IL in 1905. Dad and Uncle Bob attended a small college located in Albion. After they were married they attended and graduated from Normal at Carbondale in the class of 1917. Normal at Carbondale is now Southern IL University. They both taught school and farmed. Later on they became railway mail clerks. My father was accidentally killed at Chicago, IL Mar 7, 1945. My mother died from a stroke Jan. 22, 1957. After I left home for the Marine Corps during WWII I never saw my father again, I was on board ship headed for the invasion of Okinawa when he died. I did not learn of my fathers death until a month later.

My cousin Donald Koonce was also on Okinawa with the Army. Neither of us were aware that each other was there. Also both of us were wounded on Okinawa. Donald is the oldest son of my Uncle Alvin.

As ever, Gene Koonce

Christopher Koonce Family

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Christopher and Polly Koonce had more than six children, however, we have found no records of them. It is possible that they could have had more than one daughter, as the girls sometimes get lost after they are married. The courthouse of Claiborne Parish where Christopher lived and where his children would have obtained their marriage licenses, burned in 1848 destroying the records, and as yet, no one has found Christopher's family Bible where the names and dates would be, therefore, some of these records are missing at this date. Christopher and his family were not found on either the 1820 TN or LA Census Record, so there too, we have no way of checking on his family. We do know that Christopher Koonce was in Claiborne Parish as the records of his wife's father James Brinson, Jr., and other members of his family were establishing Baptist churches in northwest LA. James Brinson, Jr., was a Baptist minister he preached in That area until his death on 5 Sep. 1831.

The 1830 Claiborne Parish Census lists Christopher's household as having 5 males under 20 yrs, 2 males between 20-30 and Christopher's age 45. He had three females under 20 yrs and Martha's age 34. Perhaps they rented out rooms.

Christopher and Martha (Williams) Koonce and son Philip moved to Saline, Louisiana and there they helped to organize the Old Saline Baptist Church. It was constituted the 7th of Sep. 1844, and there were 61 charter members and the first pastor was George Washington Baines, the great grandfather of Lyndon Baines Johnson. Several of Christopher's children and grandchildren were members. Christopher died shortly after this time, his son Philip was the administrator of his estate in Feb 1845. It is believed that Christopher is buried in the Old Saline Church Cem. in an unmarked grave.

Acknowledgments

My sincerest thanks to:

Waymon L. Koonce, my husband and a descendant of Count Alison Koonce, who has visited countless court-houses, cemeteries, archives and libraries with me. He has helped take notes, read census records on microfilm, copy deeds, and many other things that researching the Koonce family has entailed.

Mrs. Maurice Parker, a descendant of James C. Koonce. She and I have shared information on this family for many years, and she was the one who really helped me to first locate the Koonce's in Bienville Parish, Louisiana.

Mrs. Jewel Madden and her husband Paul, both are deceased. Paul was descended from Amander Koonce's daughter, Mary Elizabeth Koonce who married Bernhard H. Stall. Jewel was as interested in her husband's family as I have been in our family line.

And to all and everyone else who have helped in many ways, I could probably spend hours naming people who have answered my letters, filled out forms and whatever.

Alice Koonce

The Honorable George Koonce

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ern half of Virginia in 1863 to form the new state of West Virginia, included Jefferson county. George remained loyal to the Republican Party and the Union and his family likewise. Having held many offices in the county, he eventually became one of the first representatives to the newly formed State legislature from his area. He was elected to the W. VA. Legislature in 1865, 1866, and 1867 and to the State Senate in 1870 and 1871. George was described as being "definite and forthright

and the people knew exactly where and how he stood on all issues. His loyalty to his party was of ever of the most stalwart character and uncompromising quality, and this brought him his rewards."

George Koonce's support of the Union cause in the Civil War did not make him popular with all of the citizens in the Harpers Ferry area and it was not without considerable cost to him and his family. As related in a story published by his friend, J. F. Alexander, editor of the Greenville Advocate, George and his

family were obliged to leave Harpers Ferry in the spring of 1860 because of "the active part he took against the southern rebellion." Some of the people in the eastern panhandle of W. VA. were strong sympathizers in the cause of the south and many did not agree with George's stand for separation from Virginia. When the War began, Harpers Ferry was a strategic position because of the Arsenal located there. In an editorial published in the *Advocate* on Sept. 5, 1861, Mr. Alexander wrote the story below about George Koonce.

From The Greenville, Illinois Advocate

George Koonce, Esq.

"This gentleman, who was obliged to leave Harper's Ferry, Virginia, last spring, on account of his strong Union proclivities and the active part he took against the Southern rebellion, arrived here on the 22d, ult. His wife and children got here last Saturday night.

When Mr. Koonce left Harper's Ferry last spring, he came here and stayed a few weeks with his relatives and friends, after which he went to Wheeling, Va., where he remained until Harper's Ferry was evacuated by the rebels. He then returned to that place by way of Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, Baltimore, and Washington. He stayed at home a few __ (unreadable) __ which time he was selected by the Union men of the place to represent them in the Western Virginia Convention at Wheeling, to which place he immediately proceeded, and early in August, when the Convention met, took his seat in that body. When the Convention adjourned, Harper's Ferry having been evacuated by the Federal army, was again in possession of the rebels, which rendered it unsafe for him at home. So he concluded that the best thing he could do would be to return to this place. He accordingly advised his family to pack up and come, and then came on himself.

The reason the rebels had a particular spite against him was that when they were on their way to take possession of the Armory and Arsenal at Harper's Ferry last spring, he went to Lieut. Jones, comman-

dant of the U.S. forces at the place, and tendered his services to assist in defending the U.S. property. He was a First Lieutenant in an Independent Military Company, called the "Floyd Rifles," and offered to call out the company and take as many men as would respond and serve in any way Lieut. Jones would direct him. His offer was accepted, and he was ordered out on the Charlestown road to watch for the approach of the Virginia troops and report to Lieut. Jones. He accordingly took fifteen men, all he could get, and marched out a mile and a half on said road, and sent forward pickets a mile or two further. By this means he learned of the approach of a Regiment of Virginia troops and dispatched a messenger to Lieut. Jones, who being unable to oppose such a force with his handful of forty-five men, set fire to the public buildings and burned up about fifteen thousand stands of guns, which would otherwise have fallen into the hands of the rebels. This enraged them very much, and after they learned who gave the information of their approach to Lieut. Jones, they searched for Mr. Koonce, and swore they would hang him; but he eluded them, and made good his escape; so that they have not yet hung him, but would be rejoiced to have it in their power to do so.

By the destruction of the Armory at Harper's Ferry, Mr. Koonce has sustained a heavy pecuniary loss. He owned

town property and notes on the citizens to the amount of ten thousand dollars in value, all of which has been rendered perfectly valueless. The Armory was what built up and sustained the town, and without it, town property is worth nothing, as not one-third of the houses would be occupied rent free. Most of the citizens have been rendered unable to pay their indebtedness, and those who are still able refuse to do so, as there is no law to compel them now, and they do just as they please.

Mr. Koonce and his family will probably remain here, where he has a mother and several brothers and sisters. He is a brother to Jacob Koonce, now deceased, formerly Sheriff of the county."

[From this writer's research, it is interesting to note that George Koonce's son, Harry Stafford Koonce married Edna HENKLE and Edna Henkles mother, was Susan Virginia ALLSTADT. Susan was a daughter of John Hall Allstadt. For the readers who are history buffs, John Hall Allstadt and his 16 year old son, John Thomas, were taken as hostages by fanatical abolitionist John Brown when the slave liberator Brown and his band of 22 invaders seized the Federal Armory at Harper's Ferry, Virginia on 16 OCT 1859. Ironically, the United States Marines that rescued these hostages and captured John Brown, were led by Colonel Robert E. Lee, the soon to be famous Commander of the Confederate Army.]

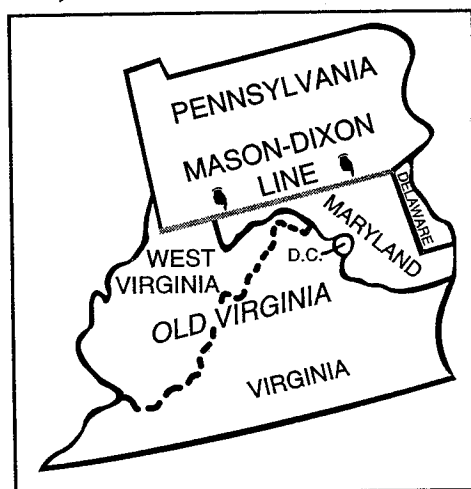
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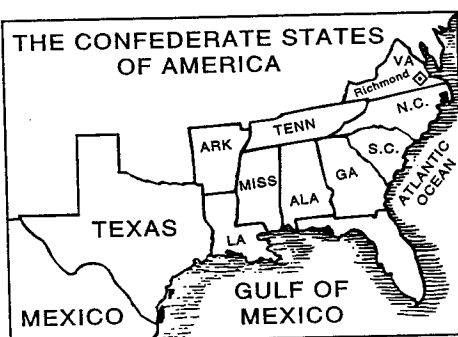
by John P. Koonce

For many years I have been confused about the difference between the Mason-Dixon line and the Confederate States of America. Just recently in conversation with others, I found that I was not the only one that was confused. So, if any of you want to know the difference, read on.



According to the "Illustrated Columbia Encyclopedia", the Mason-Dixon Line is a boundary between Pennsylvania and Maryland (lat. 39° 43' 26.3" N), surveyed by the English astronomers Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon in 1763-67. Owing to the ambiguous description of boundaries in the Maryland and Pennsylvania charters, a protracted dispute, submitted (1735) to the English court of chancery, arose between the proprietors of the two colonies. A compromise between the Penn and Calvert families in 1760 resulted in the appointment of Mason and Dixon. By 1767 the surveyors had run their line 244 mi. West from the Delaware River, every fifth milestone bearing the Penn and Calvert arms. The survey was completed to the western limit of Maryland in 1773, and in 1779 the line was extended to mark the southern boundary of Pennsylvania with Vir-

ginia (the section that is now West Virginia). Before the Civil War the term Mason-Dixon line popularly designated the boundary dividing the slave states from the free states and is still used in distinguishing the South from the North.



On December 20, 1860, South Carolina was the first Southern State to secede. After the election of the Republican president Abraham Lincoln, six more states from the Lower South followed out of the Union, Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, and Texas.

The new government seized or pressed its claims for U.S. property within its domain, especially forts and arsenals, and, when the Union declined to surrender Fort Sumter, ordered the firing (April 12-13) which formally began the hostilities. Lincoln's immediate call for troops brought four more Southern states, Arkansas, North Carolina, Virginia, and Tennessee, into the Confederacy, which now was composed of 11 states.

The border slave states of Maryland, Kentucky, and Missouri were held for the Union although they contained many Southern sympathizers. Confederate state governments were established at Neosho, Missouri, and Russellville, Kentucky, in opposition to the official governments.

??? QUERIES ???

Does anybody have documented information on the parents of **Jessie KOONCE**, b. 1758 in North Carolina? Who did he marry? Did he have children? When did he die? Was he the son of Tobias N. Koonce, Sr.?

Who were the Parents of **Samuel KOONCE** that was born about 1841. Samuel married Mary Madison and lived in Sharon, Pennsylvania. Are they the same family of Koonces that lived in Clarksville, Pennsylvania?

Alfred KOONCE, born 17 November 1906, is a grandson of Samuel & Mary Koonce and is the fourth of eighteen children born to Francis Samuel Koonce, 1861-1938 and Matilda Ceiga. What happened to the rest of that family?

When did Samuel & Mary bring their family to Indiana?

Looking for information on **King David Koonce**, born in 1807, in Maury County Tennessee; **William Henry Koonce**, born on 7 November 1837 in Fayette County Tennessee; **Henry Koonce**, born in 1873 in Howard County Arkansas; and **George Leonard Koonce**, born 21 March 1878, in Howard County Arkansas. Any information on these Koonces will be appreciated.

Tom Palmer, 1121 Havey Rd. Madison, WI 53704, requests the following information:

David KOONCE, son of Nicholas and Elizabeth SHRIVER KOONCE — looking for age and date/place of birth/death. Possibly died in Cumberland, MD.

Sarah KOONCE, daughter of Nicholas and Elizabeth SHIVER KOONCE, died July 1854 in Harper's Ferry, VA; looking for burial place.

Elizabeth KOONCE, dau. of Nicholas and Elizabeth SHRIVER KOONCE, married John C. LOVETT and lived in Bond County, IL — looking for date of death & burial place.

Looking for information on **Mary F. KOONCE**, daughter of Nicholas and Elizabeth SHRIVER KOONCE, and who married Uriah N. Smith in Bond County, Illinois on 08 November 1860.

HUSBAND George KOONCE-210

BORN: 17 Apr 1818 PLACE: Steubenville, Jefferson Co., OH
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 24 Jul 1908 PLACE: Halltown, Jefferson Co., WV
BUR.: PLACE:
MARR: 9 Jan 1840 PLACE: Harper's Ferry, Jefferson Co., VA
FATHER: Nicholas KOONCE Sr.-304
MOTHER: Elizabeth SHRIVER-1625

has other marriage(s)
PARENTS' MRIN: 288

WIFE Emily PILES-1630

BORN: 13 Jul 1821 PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 1 Nov 1853 PLACE:

CHILDREN

1. NAME: George Willard KOONCE-295

---- BORN: 3 Jan 1840 PLACE: Harpers Ferry, Jefferson Co., VA
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 11 Sep 1928 PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:
MARR: PLACE:

2. NAME: Imogene Frances KOONCE-297

---- BORN: 11 Dec 1841 PLACE: ,Bond Co., IL
F CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 1915 PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE: Charles Eugene YOUNG Rev.-2033
MARR: 6 Jul 1875 PLACE:

MRIN: 477

3. NAME: Mary Elizabeth KOONCE-1044

---- BORN: 23 Nov 1843 PLACE: ,Bond Co., IL
F CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE: Laban SPARKS-2034
MARR: 1869 PLACE:

MRIN: 478

4. NAME: Charles Jacob KOONCE-298

---- BORN: 3 May 1848 PLACE: Harpers Ferry, Jefferson Co., VA
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 1 Jan 1855 PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE:

5. NAME: Alice Roberta KOONCE-418

---- BORN: 22 Apr 1851 PLACE: ,Jefferson Co., IL
F CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE: Richmond, VA
SPOUSE: A. M. KESSLER Dr.-1633
MARR: 22 Feb 1872 PLACE:

MRIN: 296

6. NAME: Anna Amela Eliza KOONCE-436

---- BORN: 1 Nov 1853 PLACE: ,Jefferson Co., W VA
F CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 29 Jul 1854 PLACE: ,Jefferson Co., W VA

HUSBAND George KOONCE-210

BORN: 17 Apr 1818 PLACE: Steubenville, Jefferson Co., OH
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 24 Jul 1908 PLACE: Halltown, Jefferson Co., WV
BUR.: PLACE:
MARR: PLACE:
FATHER: Nicholas KOONCE Sr.-304
MOTHER: Elizabeth SHRIVER-1625

has other marriage(s)
PARENTS' MRIN: 288

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WIFE Bettie Ellen BRITTAIN-1632

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BORN: 6 Jan 1837 PLACE: Windchester,, VA
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 6 Apr 1920 PLACE: Halltown, Jefferson Co., WV

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CHILDREN

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1. NAME: Charles KOONCE-395

---- BORN: 17 Oct 1860 PLACE: , Jefferson Co., VA
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 3 Oct 1919 PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:

MRIN: 479

SPOUSE: Hattie MOHLER-2035

2. NAME: Howard KOONCE M.D.-429

---- BORN: 17 Sep 1863 PLACE:
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 1954 PLACE: Harpers Ferry, Jefferson Co., WV
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE: Lydia Crawford COLLINS-2042

has other marriage(s)
MRIN: 483

3. NAME: Estelle May Peach KOONCE-412

---- BORN: 27 Mar 1867 PLACE: , Jefferson Co., WV
F CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 12 Jan 1942 PLACE: Harpers Ferry, Jefferson Co., WV
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE: William L. Will BLACK-2046

MRIN: 485

4. NAME: Claude Jacob KOONCE MD-406

---- BORN: 28 Feb 1871 PLACE:
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 12 Mar 1943 PLACE: Harpers Ferry, Jefferson Co., WV
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE: Mariah KIRBY-2397

MRIN: 680

5. NAME: Maude Bettie KOONCE-416

---- BORN: 28 Feb 1871 PLACE:
F CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 8 May 1872 PLACE:

6. NAME: Harry Stafford KOONCE-419

---- BORN: 27 Apr 1874 PLACE: Harpers Ferry, Jefferson Co., WV
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 4 May 1962 PLACE: Charlestown, Jefferson Co., WV
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE: Edna Pauline HENKLE-1635
MARR: 4 Mar 1901 PLACE: Washington,, DC

MRIN: 298

7. NAME: Darrell Kenneth KOONCE-2032

---- BORN: 20 Apr 1877 PLACE:
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 24 Mar 1967 PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE: Mildred Lee PHILLIPS-2398
MARR: PLACE:

MRIN: 681

MINNESOTA KOONCES

by John P. Koonce

My uncle, Gerald (Jerry) Anthony Koonce was born 15 Aug. 1912 at Appleton, MN. He was the fourth child of James Monroe and Agatha E. (Ayde) Koonce.

Jerry was married first to Edna Clair Nestman in 1937 and had two daughters, Judy, 1938- (she's the Judy in the picture



l to r: Mary lee,4;Marge, Steve, 6; Gerold; JerryAnn,2. Picture taken abt 1953



Geraldine Antonette (Jerry Ann) and her dad, Gerald Anthony Koonce. abt 1975

on page 7) and Loretta, 1940-1988. This marriage ended in divorce. Jerry married second to Margorie May Claus in 1948. Six children were born of this union; Stephan Gerald, 1947; Mary Lee, 1949-1974; Geraldine Antonette(Jerry Ann)

1951-; James Robert, 22 sep 1953-; Robert Adrian, 1955-; and Micheal Jacob, 1961-. Uncle Jerry died of cancer in 1978.

Jerry was a butcher by trade, and a very good butcher he was. (see "AUNT IZZY" Vol 1, Issue 2, Pg. 5 & 6). He ran the meat department in Mayers (Isabels) Grocery. While working in a butcher shop on Grand Avenue in St. Paul, all the meats for the governors mansion were ordered through him. He handled only the finest of meats and had a very good reputation. Jerry was also a very great uncle to me.



Stephan Gerald Koonce and his dad, Gerald Anthony Koonce. 13 Feb. 1974

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JONES COUNTY 40 YEARS AGO

by a Methodist Preacher's Daughter--Rose Leach Johnson

This story was received by us from Donald Brock Koonce in March 1995. It appears to have been written about 1918. Isaac Brock (1830-1902) m. Harriet Caroline Koonce (1844-1936), the daughter of John Speight Koonce and Harriet Caroline Parsons.

I spent the summer of 1878 in Jones County, among the Koonces, Brocks, Whitakers, Hatches, Rhodes' and many others whom I have probably forgotten. I have almost lost sight of the people of Jones, for it has been years now since I shook hands with the good people around Cypress Creek church, the center of Methodism in Jones Co. 40 years ago, and I guess some Methodist preacher still stands once a month in the church at Cypress Creek and preaches the Word.

The Cypress Creek neighborhood of 40 years ago, I think, was the garden spot of the county. I remember how bright the sun shone that Sunday morning in June the first time I attended church at Cypress Creek. We passed the typical country farm houses, with the wells, and their long sweeps, with buckets made of cypress "knees," which were the most unique I had ever seen; and I think the coolest receptacles for water that ever could have been invented or imagined.

Old Cypress Creek church was at that time a good sized framed building painted white, and nestling amid the pines and Cypress trees. The creek, we passed on our way. This part of the country was inhabited by the aristocracy, the slave owners of some 16 years before, and who were still owners of large farms.

A great many of the dwellings of these lordly domains were lay houses, two probably with a wide hall between, with cool piazzas; and the kitchen some distance to the rear, for the southern house wife had not learned then to conserve her strength.

As you entered one of these typical



From, Jones County Fact & Folklore, 200 years 1779-1979, by Surena B. Henderson
Koonce Taylor House-South of Phillips Cross-roads. Early 19th century, center hall plan.

country homes, either on the piazza or in the wide hall you would be confronted with deer antlers in place of hat racks; and you would probably call to mind portions of Scott's romances, where some fleet footed deer played a conspicuous part; and at last his horns adorned some old castle in bonny Scotland.

Forty years erase many things from memory's slate, but I still have a few pictures that I can recognize. I remember one particular Sunday on our way back from Cypress Creek church we stopped at Mr. Isaac Brock's, who lived a mile or so from the church. Mr. Brock's place was the typical home of the southern gentleman, who "lived at home and boarded at the same place"; and on that beautiful Sunday in mid-summer, it looked to me that nothing was lacking to make the heart of man happy, that Mr. Brock did not have -- peaches, apples and pears were ripening in the sunshine; watermelons were nestling amid the luxurious vines in the patch; while chickens, turkeys, ducks and guineas dwelt to-

gether in perfect harmony. Will I ever forget that dinner at the Brock home? I was hungry, and my favorite dishes were served in that kitchen off from the house. We were given no inkling of what the menu would be, for all the good aromas were wasted "on the desert air" until we were ushered into that kitchen, and then it was an Arabian Nights scene; but far from a Barmecide feast let me tell you, for this dinner was real, and as our appetites were real also, we fell to. I didn't think any people an earth could make such peach pies as those were, the peaches were sweet, no scarcity of sugar then, and the crust simply melted in your mouth and the chicken pie etc. Oh, they could make chicken pie on the Jones circuit 40 years ago, and I guess the descendants can now, for I certainly hope they have not lost the art. I remember the Hammond's home was not far from the Church and the Whitaker's and a great many Koonces lived near. Farther on was the home of Mr. John Rhodes, who lived in one of the old colonial houses, with its broad piazza and white pillars and on farther was the home of Mr. Dick Hatch, one of the saints of the earth and always the preacher's friend.

At the little place called Comfort at that time, where was kept a post office, and where we got our weekly mail, the train goes thundering along now, and they can get their mail every day.

Surely time works wonders, I have learned that years ago the modern saw mill did its work in the Cypress Creek neighborhood, a great deal of the woods have been cut down and the cool lay houses have been supplanted by large modern houses; and I am so sorry that the old well buckets made of cypress "knees" have about all disappeared, we have to realize that we are living in the twentieth century.

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EDITORS CORNER

by John Paul Koonce

Pictures are in very short supply to go along with the stories on hand, and pictures make a much more interesting Newsletter. Please, if you have any pictures of your family, either have copies made (not copy machine) or send them to me and I will copy and return them, if you want them back.

Donald Brock Koonce, Greenville, SC is a modeler and has offered his services to build a model of the ship that Johann Koonce and family came over on in 1710. This is assuming we can identify the style of the ship. Does anybody know, or is anybody willing to do the research and find out?

My genealogical files contain over 4,300 people now. Be sure and keep in contact with me because, if the information you requested last time wasn't here, it may be now.

Anyone interested in a Koonce index of the book, "The Heritage of Onslow County North Carolina", 1983, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to me and I will send it to you. While I was going thru the book listing all the Koonces it shed a lot of light on some of the people that I hadn't noticed before, such as spouses and in-laws.

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KOONCES OF THE NORTHEAST

by Thomas E. Palmer

Bettie Ellen Brittain Koonce

O6 JAN 1837 - 06 APR 1920

The following obit is from the county seat newspaper, The Spirit of Jefferson, Charlestown, WV:

Mrs. Bettie E. Koonce dies near Halltown. Mrs. Bettie E. Koonce, widow of the late Hon. George Koonce, dies at her home "Ellerslie", near Halltown, Thursday afternoon of last week, age 83 years. Mrs. Koonce possessed unusual talents as an artist, some of her paintings being used in beautifying her home. She was a Miss Brittain before marriage, and was of English decent.

She was a kind and loving mother, neighbor and friend, and will be sadly missed by her family circle. She is survived by four sons and one daughter: Dr. Howard Koonce of Florida, Dr. Claude Koonce and H. Stafford Koonce of Halltown, and Darrell K. Koonce of Charlestown, and Mrs. Wm. L. Black of Halltown, and two sisters, Mrs. Sarah J. Koonce of Jacksonville, Florida and Miss Alice Brittain of Washington, D.C.

Funeral services were held at her late residence at 4:30 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, and she was laid to rest in the Bolivar Cemetery at Bolivar, WV. Rev. Mr. Ware, Rector of the Episcopal Church in Shepherdstown conducted the service, the deceased having been a faithful member of the Episcopal church. "Hear My God to Thee" and "Abide With Me" were sung.

[NOTE: see article on George Koonce in Vol. 2, No. 1, p. 5]

MY GRANDMOTHER KOONCE

by Ellen Virginia Koonce Cosey

Bettie Ellen Brittain Koonce, my Grandmother, was born in Winchester, VA on January 6, 1837 and died April 6, 1920 at the Ellerslie Farm near Halltown, WV. She was an artist, sculptor, musician, aviarist, engineer, carpenter or in other words, a "jack of all trades." She accomplished and finished any task that she attempted. She always had one or more servants so she could devote her time to her avocations, but never entirely relinquishing the management of the household to anyone, nor the dominance of the careers and education of her children to providence, always maintaining a definite dominate influence over her family but never demonstrative.

I always remember Grandma as being at home, of course, this was in her later years. She was soft spoken, quiet, very reserved, as the English are, somewhat stern, but always kind and unemo-

tional and always conducted herself as a lady with dignity. She was thin and straight and of small average statue and maintained her own style in dress and hair regardless of fashions or customs. Her hair was parted in the middle and from there hung fine corkscrew curls all around her head, and that's the way she wore it - no twisting up, or braiding, or hairpins. She had bobbed hair long before it was thought of. Her clothes were made mostly by herself, with full length skirts, floor length, and waists or jackets - sometimes worn tucked in and sometimes out, -always had long puffed sleeves and high necks.

She subscribed to several magazines and always got the BALTIMORE AMERICAN daily newspaper. She did her Christmas shopping from Sears & Roebuck catalogue, used Arbuckles coffee

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KOONCES OF THE NORTHEAST

by Thomas E. Palmer

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and ground it at home, kept fruit cake year around in a large earthen jar in the pantry, and every now and then she would give us a small piece, which we loved.

Bettie Ellen Brittain Koonce painted the walls and ceilings throughout her entire house on the Ellerslie Farm east of Halltown, WV with very elaborate and detailed scenes and pictures. No one knows for sure how a woman of her stature and demure accomplished such a feat but her artistic work was viewed by many people. Unfortunately the Koonce house was destroyed in 1969 to make room for a new highway. There are no known photographs available to document the marvelous artistic accomplishments of Bettie E. Koonce, only the written recollections of her granddaughter, Ellen Virginia Koonce Cossey. An abstract of her descriptions follows:

The house was a two story structure that was situated on a hill-side that sloped down about 150 feet to the County Road and had a stone wall in front with a large eight foot gate in the center. A driveway on the right led up to the kitchen of the main house and a driveway to the left led to another six-room house situated about a hundred feet from the main house and further in the yard. The main house had twelve rooms, six rooms on the first floor and five bedrooms and a bath on the second floor, plus a maids bedroom over the kitchen at the rear of the house. There was a very wide hallway on both floors and a front hall in the center. Off of the down front hall to the left, there were double doors with double sliding doors to end the same between the parlors; these doors were never closed. To the right there were double sliding doors to the sitting room. From the sitting room, you entered the dining room and then into the kitchen. The furnishings in the room were typical of the late 1800s to early 1900s time period.

Her mother did not paint scenes or pictures in the bedrooms, but painted all the

side walls and ceilings in the entire second floor hall as well as all side walls in the lower hall on both sides of the stairway, from ceiling to the floor and the whole length of the hall. She also had some of her portraits and paintings hanging in various rooms. Her painting (and other art work) included:

- the entire ceiling of the upstairs, a "grape-arbor" (lattice work containing the grape vines with bunches of purple grapes).

- the side walls of the upper hall, from ceiling to the floor and the entire length of the hall, forest scenes with animals.

- the side walls of the lower hall, from ceiling to floor and whole length of the hall, on the left (coming down the stairs), another forest scene and on the right a U.S. flag, a Confederate flag, guns of the time, streamers, etc.

- in the front left double parlor, a border about eighteen inches wide of various Greek characters and scenes. From the border down the walls, shades of ocher or beige. Also in this room: on the left wall, two large pictures in gold leaf frames (one of George and one of Bettie); on the mantel, two antique girandoles; on a pedestal, a life-sized bust of Bettie's mother, Mary Ellen Smallman Brittain (Bettie had molded this bust from red clay from the fields of the Ellerslie Farm and painted it in living colors, including a mole on the cheek and a bonnet with flowers on her head); a painting of the "Long Onery", an old tavern at the crossroads in Halltown; a oil portrait of George Koonce painted by his daughter, Imogene Francis Koonce Young.

- in the back left double parlor wall, an almost life-size, picture of Christ walking on water giving strength to the men in a small boat on the stormy sea; this picture extended from the ceiling to the top of the piano and almost as wide as the piano was long and surrounding this picture, she painted a wide antique golden frame; on the rest of the walls, over the entire room, she painted a background of pale, yellowish ocher, on which she painted golden streamers

about 2 1/2 or 3 inches wide entwining all over the rest of the walls among which were mingled cupids or angels about 24 inches long, flesh color, with flowing curly blond and brown hair, arms extended with ribbon in various positions, floating in the air.

- in the library, on the right of the central hall, a border around the room and dark green walls below; most of this room, from the ceiling down was taken up with bookcases and books; also in this room were life-sized busts of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln which she sculptured out of the red clay obtained from the farm and painted white to represent marble.

- in the sitting room, the walls were painted a rather dark greenish color; over the mantel, a painting of a large battle scene - "Sherman's Raid"; on the wall over her desk, a woodland scene with deer; on the space between the dining room door and the glass door to the aviary, an almost life-size, young negro girl servant with a waiter on which was half a ripe watermelon; also in this room, a waterfall scene on the glass door of a book case (painted on the inside and shown to the outside) that she had made from a spool bed.

- on the full length, (8' X 10') glass door leading into the aviary, flowers and grass, on the lower portion only so as not to obstruct her view of the canaries she raised.

- in the kitchen, the walls were a dark ocher over which she painted a pink rambling rose in full bloom that ran from the floor up and over the ceiling.

- the double doors of the main entrance, each with glass half way up, were painted to represent leaded glass and in the middle of the left window, the initials GK in very large letters.

[Source: KOONCE-BRITAIN-HENKLE-ALLSTADT by Ellen Virginia Koonce Cossey]

KOONCE vs KOONCE

A History of the Koonce Family in the American Civil War, 1861-1865

by David L. Koonce

The State of Texas and its contribution to these United States has been often documented. In the spring of 1861 and specifically from the states secession on February 1st, 1861 a new page in its history was to be written. While Texas would export its sons to many battlefields and contribute much to success of eastern confederate generals. The history of the famous Texas Brigade under Gen. John B. Hood in the Army of Northern Virginia has to be its best example. Texans also served at home and just within their state, fighting not only the soldiers of the Union Army, but at the same time depredations from marauding Indians. Not an inconsiderable task.

Exporting most of what they had to support the war effort outside its borders, those left in the state often had to do with what was at hand or improvise. The infantry weapons and artillery consisted either of captured stores obtained

during the early stages of secession or what ever the soldiers had at home and brought with them. These included, shotguns, squirrel guns and the famous Bowie Knife. It has been recorded, the original troops of the Texas Brigade left with bayonets made from butcher knives. Clothing consisted of a mismatch of available clothing, often trimmed in reds and gold and later dyed the Confederate "butternut".

Into this atmosphere of volunteerism stepped several Koonce family members. Into the cavalry went Amando Koonce, b. 1842, d. 16 Oct. 1861, Christopher C. Koonce, b. 1838, both sons of Count Allison Koonce and Polly (Brinson) Koonce. Both became members of the 2nd Texas Cavalry, Co. G, commanded by Capt. Mat Nolan. A record of the original enlistment of Christopher in the Texas State Troops and prior to the units acceptance into confederate service when it was known at the Rio Grande Regt. exists. It shows clearly that he and presumably his brother Amando provided their own horses, as was customary in the Confederate Cavalry services, and rode them 240 miles from their homes to their place of enlistment. An interesting side note here is that the volunteers for Texas State Troops were also paid a mileage/travel allowance by the state. This allowed Christopher to collect \$111.00 in travel allowance plus 30 cents a day for rations for his 12 day horseback ride. The ride took twelve days and ended at Fort Brown near the City of Brownsville.

The Rio Grande Regt. wasted no time for formal training and its force consisting of about 300 men moved

quickly. In mid-July they occupied Fort Bliss, Texas, near El Paso, Texas which had been abandoned by Union troops. On the 23rd of July an advance was made against the only Union forces in the area at Ft. Fillmore near Messila in New Mexico Territory about 40 miles from El Paso. Major Isaac Lynde in command of about 400 men of the 7th U.S. Infantry responded to the threat and attacked. In this first engagement after suffering three killed, the union forces then retreated and abandoned Ft. Fillmore. Only to surrender enmasse two days later without a shot being fired. As a result of this disaster, the remaining Union forces in the area retreated and the commander of the 2nd Texas Cavalry, Col. Baylor, declared everything south of the 34th parallel as being the Confederate Territory of Arizona and installed himself as Governor.

Partly as a result of the audacity of Col. Baylor and the 2nd Texas Cavalry, the Confederate Government with an idea to convince Europe that it could prosecute a war successfully and to obtain the territory of New Mexico and Arizona and its resources, appointed Brigadier General Henry H. Sibley to form an army to fully seize this all of this territory.

General Sibley, who arrived in San Antonio in the fall of 1861, expanded the original idea to include the capture of the Colorado mining area near Denver, westward to the Utah Territory and then on to California to establish a confederacy from sea to sea.

Thru this time Amando Koonce began to suffer the effects of military life, close quarters and poor food mixed men together. Amando contracted

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A "TYPICAL" TEXAS CAVALRYMAN

The above print was said to have been drawn by one of Harper's Weekly "most reliable artists."

KOONCE vs KOONCE, in the Civil War

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Rubeola while at Fort Bliss, New Mexico Territory, was treated and returned to Fort Brown due to the worsening of his disease. He died of the disease on 16 Oct. 1861. Brother Christopher continued on.

General Henry Sibley finally assembled his army, called The Army of New Mexico, mostly mounted troops, the 4th Texas Mounted Volunteers, the 5th and 7th Texas Regiments and the 2nd Texas Mounted Rifles, and Company B, 1st Texas Artillery. His opposition consisted of 5th, 7th, 10th U.S. Infantry and parts of cavalry units from New Mexico, Arizona, and the 3rd U.S. Cavalry. This force of about 3,800 was later augmented with volunteer troops from Colorado. All under a former subordinate of Gen. Sibley, a Colonel (later General) Richard Canby.

In early Feb. 1862, Sibley advanced from Las Cruces, New Mexico against the fortified forces of Canby at Ft. Craig. Unwilling to risk a frontal attack against the fortified position Sibley moved to cut off the union supply base and in a sharp fight on Feb. 20-21, suffered the loss of most of his supply train when his mule train was stampeded by Union forces who ran two mules loaded with explosives into their area.

Without the mules, Sibley burned his wagons and decided to move on, taking only essentials, and left Col. Canby to operate in his rear. The two forces tangled again, at Valverde, New Mexico, late on February 21st, after a sharp fight the Union forces withdrew back into Ft. Craig. Sibley, already running short on supplies, and hearing that supplies could be obtained in Albuquerque continued on north, farther away from his base at Ft. Bliss.

The march to Albuquerque, New Mexico Territory, took until March 2nd. However, more numerous union sympathizers in the area had burned

most of the supplies before the confederates arrived. They found the same thing on March 13 when they entered Santa Fe, New Mexico. During the march, many of the Confederates, who were ill trained to begin with, became almost mutinous. Supplies had become so low, the 4th Texas was dismounted so their horses could pull what wagons remained. A diary from the 4th Texas simply states "The men trudged along, day by day, with nothing to eat but beans, no teams to transport our baggage, no forage."

So it went, until on March 28th, Sibley forces met the Colorado Volunteers at Glorieta Creek. The two sides engaged in heavy skirmishes, trying to outmaneuver one another until the 28th when a force of men under Col. Chivington crossed a mountain and again attacked the Confederate supply train. Both sides lost a little over a 100 men each. Col. Chivington had hit pay dirt. He had overrun about 80 wagons of Gen. Sibley which contained ammunition. The elements of the 2nd and 4th Texas defending them had been routed by the more accurate fire of the union forces. The wagons were burned and the mules and horses with them bayoneted.

Sibley found himself in no position to fight. With Canby now operating in his rear, he found himself left with only twenty days rations for his men and about forty rounds of ammunition for each man. He turned his army south and began the 400 mile journey back to Fort Bliss. The road back, with discipline breaking down, became littered with personal belongings and cartridge boxes. On April 25th, 1862, General Sibley, with about a thousand fewer men than he started with returned to Mesilla and safety. General Sibley, who had left with hundreds of wagons, had been unable to live off the land, returned

with only seven. Most of his men were walking. So ended the campaign of Gen. Sibley. So to ended the war of Christopher Koonce, 2nd Texas Mounted, the last records indicate he was paid off in September 1862.

Other Koonce's in Texas remained and fought on their home front. The 11th Texas Infantry, known as Roberts Regiment, would receive the sons of James C. Koonce. All would enlist in the spring of 1862 and serve in Company "A". Thomas W. Koonce b. 7 Nov. 1837, d. Abt. 1885, Daniel Koonce, 12 Nov. 1839, d. 12 Mar 1904, Christopher Koonce, b. 9 May 1833, d. 24 Mar 1915, John J. Koonce, b. 1836, d. abt. 1865, William J. Koonce, and W. Koonce. Another son of Count Allison Koonce, Daniel Koonce, b. abt 1840, served in Co. D. the 8th Texas Infantry, Hobby's Regt. While never on active campaign, these units served well on garrison duty in the Houston, and Corpus Christi areas of Texas. All were discharged at Columbus, Texas in May 1865.

While on garrison duty, all were victims of occasional bombardment from Union vessels on blockade duty. Garrison duty, as anyone with previous military experience knows, has its own hazards. Long days can turn into longer nights. It takes a special commander to keep his men out of trouble in times like this. So it was with Hobby's 8th Texas and Daniel Koonce. Rations issued on Galveston Island during the spring of 1864 were reportedly as inadequate as those issued anywhere. Rotten beef issued to Col. Hobby received special attention. The Houston Daily Telegraph reports "A portion of the disgruntled soldiers strung their tainted meat on their bayonets and ramrods and with muffled drums and arms reversed paraded through the streets of Galveston to the Public Square. An eloquent eulogy was delivered by a trooper stand-

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JERRY GLYNN KOONCE II 1962-1995

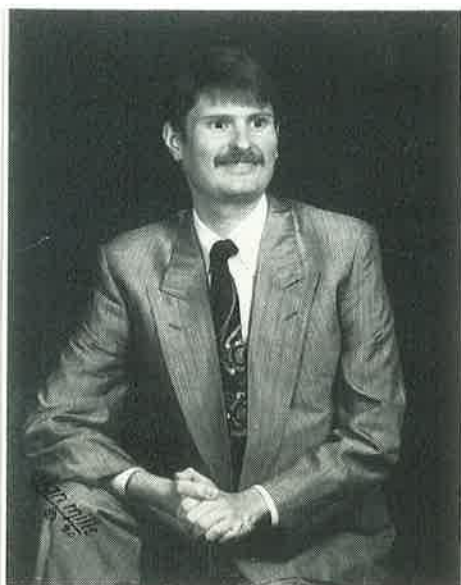
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Koonce saw deafness as opportunity and 'room to use my imagination'

By Whitney Smith, The Commercial Appeal

The play, *Children of a Lesser God*, which tells of proud and fiercely independent deaf students, came out in the late 1970s as hearing-impaired Americans nationwide began to make themselves heard.

When Jerry Koonce, a deaf teacher and actor, performed in the play at Playhouse on the Square, he had the leading role of a smart, rebellious guy. The character felt that a deaf girl who married a teacher with normal hearing was selling out other deaf students.



Jerry Glynn Koonce II

Mr. Koonce, who died late Tuesday night at his Midtown home at the age of 32, was playing against type, according to relatives and friends. He was intelligent, proud of being deaf, and politically active on behalf of the handicapped. He was also calm and upbeat.

He died of cerebral toxoplasmosis after a three-year illness.

Services for Jerry Glynn Koonce II, who was nicknamed Jay, will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Memorial Park (Midtown) Hinds-Smythe Chapel. His service will be interpreted for the deaf.

Burial will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in Grace Baptist Church Cemetery in Ripley, Tenn. Dr. Marshall Koonce, an uncle who cared for him, said the actor and teacher will be the fifth generation of Koonces to be buried there.

Besides Dr. Koonce, he leaves his mother,

Margaret Koonce, and his father, Jerry Glynn Koonce; a sister, Karen Koonce Weesner, and his grandmother, Effie Koonce Haynes, all of Memphis. The family requests that any memorials be sent to Jerry Glynn Koonce II Memorial Fund at St. John's United Methodist Church, where he was a member.

Prior to becoming ill, he was a popular teacher at Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf for about two years.

Previously he had been a student at Galaudet University in Washington. While in school, he toured the Eastern bloc countries as well as the Caribbean with a deaf theater troupe, according to his uncle.

During his college days, he told The Commercial Appeal that "a handicap is anything that prevents you from doing another thing. Deafness is not a handicap. It gives me

room to use my imagination. I can imagine what the bird sound like. I can feel the vibrations of the leaves when I go hunting."

His passion for deaf theater dates back more than 15 years, when he was a student at White Station High School and a performer at Playhouse on the Square's Theatre for the deaf.

"Jerry performed with us in special performances," said Karin Hill, director of Playhouse's theater for youth and theater for the deaf. "I worked with him in *Children of a Lesser God*, and he was in a production of *Treasure Island*."

Hill recalled the actor's "commitment," his "intellectual" nature, and his "positive attitude" with others. She said that even after his friends became aware he was ill, "He had such a calmness about the situation that it seemed he was getting closer with God."

FAMILY OF JERRY G. KOONCE II

1822 Overton Park Avenue

Memphis, TN 38112 (901) 278-0694

January 15, 1995

Dear Friend of Jay,

The family of Jay Koonce (parents Jerry and Margaret Koonce, sister Karen Koonce Weesner, uncle Dr. Marshall K. Koonce, and main caregiver Derek McCraw) regret to inform you of Jay's death at 11:45 P.M. on Wednesday, January 11, 1995, at his home at the Galloway Mansion. He had developed cerebral toxoplasmosis diagnosed during a hospital stay from December 27 to January 3. He seemed to be responding to the medication for his toxoplasmosis when he threw Pulmonary emboli (blood clots to his lung) on the day of his death. He was conscious to the end and seemed to suffer little pain except at the moment of throwing the emboli. He died while in the arms of Jerry, Margaret, Derek, and Marshall. He was born November 4, 1962 in North Bend, Oregon. His wake was Friday, January 13. Several interpreters were there. His funeral was Saturday at 10 A.M. Jay had written his own funeral. The songs were signed and not vocalized. His pastor, Rev. Frank Lewis McRae of St. John's United Methodist Church gave the eulogy. Jay had requested that Psalms 121 and the 23rd Psalm be the Scriptures read. He is buried in Grace Cemetery in the Koonce family plot in Ripley, Tennessee where his Koonce forefathers had resided since the 1840's. He was the fifth generation Koonce buried in that cemetery. His childhood friend, Vickie Edwards, arrived at the cemetery after driving all night with her husband and newborn baby just as the graveside service was starting.

He very much appreciated all the letters and TTD calls that he received since becoming ill in December, 1991. The family very much appreciates the love and caring you have shown to Jay over the years. Some of you received a Christmas card and letter. He seemed to be trying to hold on until Christmas. He was waiting for his pictures that did not arrive until after Christmas. I am enclosing a copy of that last picture he had made. He was buried in the suit in the picture.

Jay wanted a fund established at St. John's Methodist Church to help with various projects the church does for PLWA. These include office space for Friends for Life, Inc., an independent organization that helps PLWA with housing, counseling, and food, and hosts Feast for Friends for PLWA, and a brilliant pastor who learns from everyone he encounters.

We have enclosed Jay's Obituary from the Memphis Commercial Appeal which demonstrates the high regard he was held in the Memphis community.

If you have any unresolved questions do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely yours, Marshall L. Koonce, M.D. for Jerry G. Koonce's Family

OBITUARIES

VERA R. (KOONCE) LEWIS

(Copied from a Southeast Mo. Newspaper sent by Vera's daughter Evelyn. Pic. from Tom Palmer)



Vera Koonce Lewis 1909-1995

PERRYVILLE, MO. -- Vera Koonce Lewis, 85, of Perryville, died Monday, Jan. 30, 1995 at Southeast Missouri Hospital in Cape Girardeau.

She was born Oct. 5, 1909, in Villa Ridge, Ill., daughter of Elmer and Lora Harrell Koonce.

She and J.B. Lewis were married February 14, 1931. He died October 22, 1961.

Lewis had been a practical nurse, retiring in 1974 from Children's Hospital in Denver, Colo.

She lived in the Cape Girardeau area and had been a Democratic committeewoman in Campster Tsp.

She had served on the board of the former Campster School and was active in 4-H in Cape Girardeau Co.

She was a member of First Baptist Church in Van Buren.

Survivors include a daughter, Evelyn Walker of Oak Ridge; three brothers, Edward Koonce of Charleston, Elmer Koonce of Santa

Barbara Calif., Harry Koonce of Carbondale, Ill.; a sister, Marie Dickerson of Polo, Ill., and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother and two step-sons.

Memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Friday at McCombs Funeral Chapel in Jackson, with the Rev. Raymond Epps officiating.

(Note from Tom Palmer. "Even though I had only spoke with her a few times in my lifetime, I felt very close to her and considered her a very special person. Part of these feelings may come from the fact that she was friends with my maternal grandmother, to whom I was really close.")

WILLIAM RILEY GRAY

William Riley Gray of the Liberty Community of Lincoln County Tennessee died July 8, 1967, at the Lincoln County Hospital after a stroke. He was 81 years old. He was a prosperous farmer and owned approximately one thousand acres of land in the 8th and 21st civil districts. He took a great part in the civic activities of the community.

William was the son of the late Oliver Perry Gray and Elizabeth Belle Smith Gray.

He was the grandson of Rev. Jacob Gray, minister of the Liberty Baptist Church of Christ and a Civil war confederate veteran.

He was the great-great grandson of Philip Koonce, who was a Revolutionary war veteran.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Oma Locker Gray; two daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Mai Smiley and Mrs. Ida Nell Hereford; for sons, William Howard Gray, James Riley Gray, Robert Allen Gray and Leland Winston Gray, all of Lincoln County Tennessee; six grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Whitt Williams, John Mills, Jim Wentress. Leonard Locker, Frank P. Locker and Jess Ventress. Funeral services were held July 9, 1967 at Higgins Funeral

Home, Bro. Gwyn Summers officiated. Buried at Stewart Cemetery.

GEORGE KOONCE

(From the Tyler, TX Morning Telegraph; Mar. 4, 1992; Sec.1, Pg. 8; Col. 1.)

NACOGDOCHES — Services for George Felix Koonce, 66, Route 1, Chireno, are scheduled for 11 a.m. Thursday in Cason Monk-Metcalf Funeral Home chapel in Nacogdoches with the Rev. James Ivy officiating, Mr. Koonce died Monday in Chireno.

Burial will be Sunset Memorial Park.

He was born Oct. 25, 1925, in Mobile, Ala., to Daniel Marion Koonce and Ruth Gray Koonce. He had lived in Chireno 11 years, living in Houston 56 years. He was a Navy veteran of World War II, and was a Baptist. He was married to Dorothy Grimes Koonce on Feb. 28, 1947.

George was station superintendent for U.S. Postal Service in Houston; an honorary member of the National Association of Postal Supervisors, Branch 122, Houston; past president of National Association of Letter Carriers, Branch 283, Houston; and past president of National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 815, Nacogdoches.

He was a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 9183, Houston. He was one of the organizers of Heights Little League, and managed Little League and Pony League Youth Baseball games in Houston.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Koonce, Chireno; a son, Larry Koonce, Richmond; two grandchildren, David Travis Koonce and Todd Reagon Koonce.

Pallbearers include Pete Sargent, Don Anderson, Andy Wooten, Chester Melder, Roy Barrett, J.B. Smith, Bernie Kent and Bobby Miquez.

Honorary pallbearers are personnel who served on the U.S.S. Audraine.

Family visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

If desired, memorials may be made to Hospice of Deep East Texas, 1204 Mound, Nacogdoches, TX.

ALICE KOONCE RESPONDS TO YOUR QUERIES

Alice Koonce answers queries in the **KOONCE to KOONCE** Newsletter. If you want further information on this article write directly to Alice P.O. Box 889 Refugio, TX 78377-0889.

Who were the parents of **Jessie KOONCE**, b. 1758 in North Carolina? Who did he marry? Did he have children? When did he die?

Tobias KOONCE ca 1738 Craven Co. NC, son of **George KOONCE**, (1704-1778). Tobias m. Ann **GIBSON**, daughter of William **GIBSON**, they had the following children whom he named in his will dated 27 Sept., 1771: one son, Jesse, three daughters, Mary, Rebecca and Nancy. Also, his wife Ann was expecting a child, the child in esse was named Tobias (1772-) he lived and died in Jones Co., NC.

Jesse KOONCE, the son of Tobias and Ann (Gibson) **KOONCE**, was recorded on the 1790 Jones County, NC census as a single person.

In 1792 Jones County, NC, **Jesse KOONCE** purchased 50 acres joining his own line on N. side of Trent River.

Oct. 10, 1795, **Jesse KOONCE** sold to Reuben **SMALL** 61 acres on North side of Trent River at Joshuas Resolution.

Sept. 1799 in Wilson County, TN, there is a petition signed by **Jesse KOONCE**, and a number of other Koonces, to make Sumner County, south of the Cumberland River into Wilson County, Tennessee.

Jesse KOONCE was paying tax each year from 1800 thru 1806. Dec. Court term, 1806, **Jesse KOONCE** is appointed surveyor of road from Sullivan's to Rutherford County, Tennessee.

I believe (have not found the proof) that **Jesse KOONCE** married while in Jones County, NC, between 1790 and

KGS Vice President, Alice Koonce, wife of the late Wayman Leroy Koonce, has been working on the Koonce line for over thirty years.

1795 to possibly a **SMALL** daughter, and that they had at least one son that he named after his father, Tobias. I have no record of when Jesse died but after he moved to Rutherford County, TN. he had a son named **George Small KOONCE** who went to Posey County, Indiana, **George S. KOONCE** was born 3 march 1811, Robertson County, TN, died July 31, 1873 Posey County, IN. There were other children.

Information on the following: **King David KOONCE**, **William Henry KOONCE**, **Henry KOONCE** and **George Leonard KOONCE**.

King David KOONCE was the son of Lemuel and Alcey (Jarman) **KOONCE**.

William Henry KOONCE was a son of **King David & Eliza (Kirk) KOONCE**.

Henry KOONCE and **George Leonard KOONCE** were brothers and the sons of **William Henry & Edy Moriah (McElroy) KOONCE**. This family was living in Fayette County, Tennessee and in Arkansas.

??? QUERIES ???

Who were the Parents of **Samuel KOONCE** that was born about 1841. Samuel married Mary Madison and lived in Sharon, Pennsylvania. Are they the same family of Koonces that lived in Clarksville, Pennsylvania?

Alfred KOONCE, born 17 November 1906, is a grandson of Samuel & Mary Koonce and is the fourth of eighteen children born to Francis Samuel Koonce, 1861-1938 and Matilda Ceiga. What happened to the rest of that family?

When did Samuel & Mary bring their family to Indiana?

Tom Palmer, 1121 Havey Rd. Madison, WI 53704, requests the following information:

David KOONCE, son of Nicholas and Elizabeth **SHRIVER KOONCE** — looking for age and date/place of birth/death. Possibly died in Cumberland, MD.

Sarah KOONCE, daughter of Nicholas and Elizabeth **SHRIVER KOONCE**, died July 1854 in Harper's Ferry, VA; looking for burial place.

Elizabeth KOONCE, dau. of Nicholas and Elizabeth **SHRIVER KOONCE**, married John C. **LOVETT** and lived in Bond County, IL — looking for date of death & burial place.

Looking for information on **Mary F. KOONCE**, daughter of Nicholas and Elizabeth **SHRIVER KOONCE**, and who married Uriah N. Smith in Bond County, Illinois on 08 November 1860.

What happened to the family of **George Koontz** b. 1796. He had a son **George A. Koontz** b. Pennsylvania. Did some of them move to IL?

TOBIAS SR. /TOBIAS JR.

The last will and Testament of Tobias Koonce; on file in Onslow County, North Carolina.
Received by John Paul Koonce from David Leon Koonce October 1994.

North Carolina

Onslow County In the name of God Amen, on the twenty seventh day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy one, Tobias Koonce, of the county aforesaid, planter, being sick and weak in body, but in perfect mind give many thanks be to God. Therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to dye (sic) do make and ordain this my last will and testament. That is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it and for my body I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian like manner at discretion of the church with destiny. But at the general resurrection I shall rise (sic) the same again by the (can't Read) and as touching such worldly estate with it has p (can't Read) dences of the life (Everlasting) this life. I give and dispose of the same in following manner and form.

I then give and bequeath unto my dearly beloved wife, Ann Koonce, five head of cattle, my house with all my household goods and furniture to her and her heirs forever. I give and bequeath to daughter Mary one cow to her and her heirs forever. I give and bequeath to my daughter, Rebekah, one cow to her and her heirs forever. I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy one cow to her and her heirs forever. I give and bequeath to my son Jesse one cow with fifty acres of land with the plantation where I now live by the lease love and good will of my father-in-law, William Gibson.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my child with which my wife is now big, if live born, fifty acres of land lying and being in Craven County in the Province aforesaid on the North Side of Trent River to it and its heirs forever, but upon the provision it should please the almighty God the said child should be stillborn or should dye (sic) before it comes to the age of twenty one years then it is my will and desire that the said land should be equally divided between the surviving heirs. I likewise leave one horse and one cow and eighteen head of hogs to maintain my wife and to raise my children.

I likewise constitute, make, ordain, and appoint my beloved friends Thomas Gibson, William Gibson, Junior and my beloved wife, Ann, my sole executors and executioners of this my last will and testament all and singular the same and (can't Read) and do hereby utterly disclaim revoke and disavow all and every former testaments, wills, legacies and executioners by me in any ways before this time named willed, and forever.

Bequeathing and satisfying and confirming that and all (can't Read) to be my last will and testament withing whence of I leave here unto let my hand and seal this day and (can't Read) first to have witness. Signes, sealed and delivered

(can't Read) said sealed and acclaimed by the said Tobias Koonce to be his last will and testament in the (can't Read) of the (can't Read).

Lemuel Griffis
Samuel Child

Jacob Koonce

From the Jones County, North Carolina Heritage Book Page 180. /Early Koonce Families of Jones County (6522) F 119

Very little is known about Tobias Koonce, the son of George and Mary Koonce. The following comment is made in Jones County records. All of the children of George except Tobias were living at the time his will was recorded in 1772. Therefore, I assume Tobias died a young man and he had one son, Tobias. This son, Tobias, married Benneter Simmons, daughter of Abraham Bussett Simmons. Tobias and Benneter had two daughters, Mary and Matilda Koonce. Mary (1796-1855) married John Pollock and Matilda (1802-) married Benjamin Huggins.

According to Jones County Records, in 1817 Tobias gave to his wife, Holland and for the reason that this property herein given was gained by marriage of Tobias Koonce to said Hollan Koonce and said Hollander not to receive from estate of said Tobias only that he sees fit to will her, as per their marriage arrangements, then to Hardy Bryan, in trust for Hollan Koonce, several negroes for her exclusive use. Note: Was Holland a Wright?

December 23, 1833 Tobias Koonce's will willed all Property to his wife Beneter and two daughters, Mary and Matilda.

Source: Jones County Records

Questions from John Paul Koonce; 1821 37th St.; Somerset, WI 54025, made November 25, 1994

When and who wrote this article for the Jones county Heritage book?

What Jones County record was the comment about George Koonce's children made and when?

What Jones County records of 1817 are quoted here? Is this a will or divorce records?

Who was Holland, Hollan, Hollander? Why does the writer ask if Holland was a Wright?

Was Tobias, Jr. married twice or was his wife Beneter Holland or Holland Beneter. Were these first or last names?

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While planning your vacation or other travels this year take this membership list with you so you can contact and meet your fellow Koonces. They are great people. Also it is a good way to fill some spare time on a business trip. Or to simply correspond and share information with other Koonces around the country.

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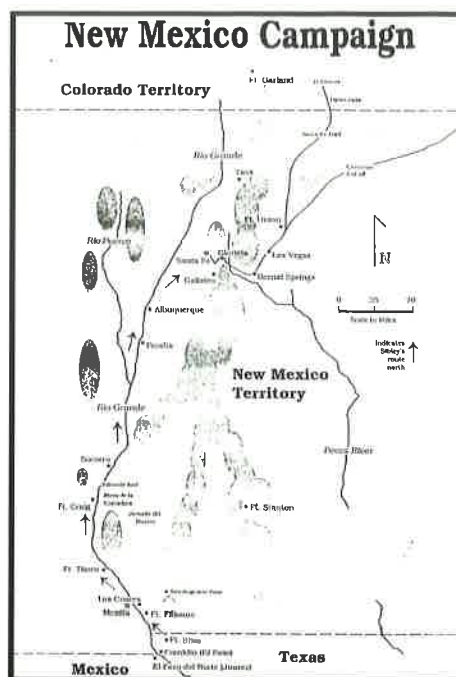
ing over a burial plot as the rotten beef was buried amid a ceremonial firing of arms and sad hymns." The lament describing the death of the cow was published in the obituary column.

In August 1862, the 11th Texas also had its problems. Five vessels from the blockade fleet began firing on the town of Corpus Christi, Texas. Shells began to pelt the shoreline as the ships moved closer and the exchange of fire between them and the rebel batteries intensified. A shell is said to have come to rest very near one of the freshly dug intrenchments. A Texan wishing a memento of the battle had it picked up and a sloshing was heard from inside. The plug was pried from the shell and its contents sniffed. It smelled like whiskey. Someone tasted it, it was whiskey. This set off an immediate

shell search, even though the bombardment was still going on.

This incident received wide attention from the soldiers in the area, but not until several weeks passed when a Union sailor was captured, was the puzzle solved. It is said several sailors raided a private whiskey supply aboard one vessel and in an attempt to hide their plunder poured the whiskey in the ships shells and sealed them with cork. During the heat of the engagement the shells had been mistakenly fired.

A very big, "Thank You", from this author to Ms. Alice Koonce for much of the information provided in this article. For the full genealogy of the Koonce family in Louisiana and Texas please refer to her earlier articles and most notably, Vol. 1, issue 4 of KOONCE to KOONCE.



New Mexico Campaign by General Henry Sibley's "Army of New Mexico". About 3,500 men fought from Las Cruces, New Mexico up the Rio Grande.

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MAY FRANCK KOONCE, 1884-1980

(From the Onslow Co. North Carolina Heritage Book Page 282.)

Written by Marjorie H. Grey

Lillian May Franck Koonce spent almost 96 years in Onslow County where she was born in Francktown on September 30, 1884. She was the oldest child of James Richard Franck and his wife Sallie Sandin. She attended school and Sunday School in the one-room schoolhouse in Francktown with her first cousins and the children of Calvin Koonce and his wife Laura Cox. May fell in love with James Herritage Koonce (1878-19120). After finishing college Jim went away to work, saved his money, and helped his sisters and brothers with their education. He returned home to marry May on October 12, 1911, in the newly completed front addition to the house of her parents. She went to Hartsville, South Carolina, with him, but they had very little time together because he died with typhoid fever in about nine

months, and a broken hearted May returned home to Francktown.

May taught school in Onslow County several years after graduation from Eastern Carolina Teachers College in Greenville, North Carolina. I think she taught in the Hubert, Swansboro, and Catherine Lake areas. After her husband's death she resided with her parents, looking after them and the farm.

I spent my summers with my grandparents. This meant I spent a lot of time with Aunt May. She watched the tobacco barns at night and I made the rounds with her. During curing season the tenants would sleep at the barns so they could keep a constant temperature in the barn. This meant replenishing the fire with more and more wood. If the fire went out the tobacco wouldn't cure right, and if it got too hot or leaves dropped on the flues the barn could burn down. Since the tenants worked hard all day harvesting, they were very tired at night,

and May would find them asleep with the fire almost out. She would awaken them and check the thermometer to see that the temperature was properly regulated for the best results. This broke into her sleep.

She was a great walker. She walked the woods and cruised timber when it was sold. I remember her telling me about a would-be buyer who had offered her \$15,000 for a large wooded area that she figured had about \$25,000 worth of timber on it. She sold it to a man by the board foot and it brought \$25,000!

During the Great Depression, crops were selling at a very low price. Tenant farmers, after selling their crops and paying off their debts, would have no money left. My Aunt May and Grandfather would then have to loan the tenants money with which to buy food and grow and harvest crops until next year's crop was sold. One bad year about 3 tenants saw they weren't going to make enough to pay off the year's debts, so they left the farm, leaving their unharvested crops in the field. The remaining tenants all swapped labor with each other so they wouldn't have to borrow money to harvest. Instead of working two days a week to harvest, they would work six days a week harvesting their own crops and helping others to harvest. Aunt May had to harvest the abandoned crops in order to pay off the debts incurred by the departed tenants. My mother and I worked six days a week helping her.

My grandfather suffered a stroke and everything fell upon May. Before the Depression she had purchased, at a high price, from Ed Franck the land on which the Elijah Lafayette Franck house had stood, together with the surrounding farm land. She spent many years paying for it after prices for farm products had dropped



Looping green tobacco in Onslow County, North Carolina, late 1930's

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EDITORS CORNER

by John Paul Koonce

David L. Koonce, our Civil War editor, has suggested an annual meeting of any and all Koonce researchers. He suggests we meet for a weekend in a different part of the country every year to do research and compare notes. I think this is a foundation for a great "Koonce Genealogical Society Convention". There are several of us doing the same research on the same lines or branches that lead to the same line. This is very time consuming and expensive. If we could combine this effort and share the information, we would all benefit. What do you think? Drop me a line and let me know your ideas. Do you think it is a good idea? Do you have any thoughts on how to make it even better? Where would the first convention be held? Would it be a good way to elect officers too. Also a way to let us all know how we are doing and how we can improve our efforts. Think about it and let us know your thoughts.

A lot of exciting things have been going on since the last Newsletter. "Texas Bob" Koonce, Arlington, Texas is close to identifying the name of the ship that Johann & family came over

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FISHING CORNER

by Robert "MNBOB" Jerome Koonce

Attention K O O N C E to K O O N C E Fishermen

Robert J. Koonce would like help from sports minded Koonces with stories for the FISHING CORNER in the K O O N C E to K O O N C E Newsletter. If you have any big fish stories (big fish or big stories) you would like to share with us, as Ray Koonce did on page 3 of the July 1994 issue and Bob is doing here, we would be glad to print it. Any pictures can be returned if you want them back or you can donate them to the K O O N C E ARCHIVES.

For interesting stories in this issue Robert Jerome Koonce, our Outdoor Sports Editor, will share two of his memorable experiences. The first dates back to when he was an 18 year old fisherman on Pleasant Lake, which is about 5 miles SW of St. Cloud, MN

"The year 1949, early January, and very cold. Something like, 0 or -5 degrees. I went out on the lake (our front yard, practically) and chiseled a hole through 18 inches of ice, dropped a line down, and it wasn't long before I had half a dozen crappies. I could say they were 1-1/2 pounders, but I think 1/2 pounders would be closer to the truth, except for one. This guy measured 17 inches long, 7 inches deep, 2-1/4" thick, and weighed 3-1/4 lbs".

"I took them into the house and was getting ready to clean them for supper when my dad, Robert Adrian Koonce, came home from work, saw the big crappie and called the local newspaper. They came out to the house the next day and had me take the fish out on the lake, where I caught it, to take pictures. I think it was colder then the day before. They got their pictures, but I think they just wanted to know my hot spot.

Mr. Beckstrom, the owner of the 400 Club, a near by night club, gave me five bucks for the fish and had it mounted. Then he hung it behind the bar. It hung there for 10 years until they took it down for remodeling, at which time some sticky fingered person, who didn't know how to fish,



Bob Koonce with his 3-1/4 lb, 17 inch Crappie caught in Pleasant Lake near St. Cloud, Minnesota in January 1949.

wanted it. I haven't seen it since.

Tale number two happened on the night of September 13, 1989 at Cove Bay on Mille Lacs Lake in Central Minnesota. It was a rather cool night, tempts in the 40's. The moon was full and the sky was clear with out much wind. My fishing partner, Don Johnson, and I were fishing all night long. Don had caught several small Walleyes and I still had the skunk in my creel. Along about 3:45 A.M. I hooked into what I first thought was a snag, until it began putting up a fight. About 10 minutes later we netted a 12 lb. 12 oz. Walleye, which hangs on the wall as I write this tale.

Any body with fishing or hunting tales, please send the story and pictures if you have them to Bob Koonce; 2938 Hamlet Ave. N.; Oakdale, MN 55128 or to John P. Koonce; 1821 37th St. Somerset, WI 54025.

KOONCES OF THE NORTHEAST

by Thomas E. Palmer

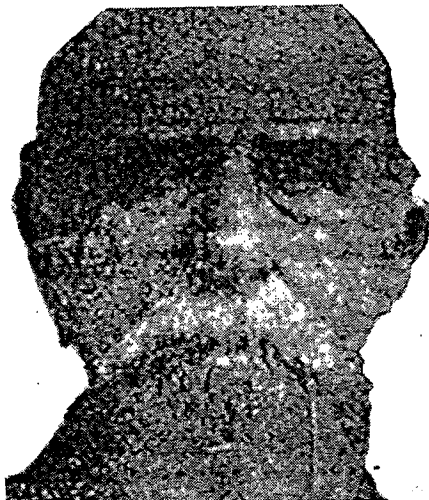


Joseph Lewis KOONCE was born on 18 NOV 1833 in Harpers Ferry, Jefferson Co., VA, the youngest son and probably the ninth in order of the known 10 children of Nicholas and Elizabeth SHRIVER Koonce. He was a brother to the George Koonce of Harpers Ferry featured in KOONCE to KOONCE (Vol. 2, No. 1, p. 3).

Family history relates that young Joseph emigrated with his family in August of 1842, approximately 800 miles from Virginia to Illinois in a covered wagon. There is, however, some evidence that the Koonce family may have visited or possibly lived in Illinois prior to this move, as there is a Nicholas COUNTZ (Koonce?) in the 1840 Randolph county, Illinois census. This individual is of the right age to be Joseph's father and included in that household was a male, age 5 to 10 years. Also, attempts to locate Nicholas and his family in other 1840 census records (e.g., Virginia and neighboring states) has been unsuccessful so far. It is possible that the Koonce family lived in the Kaskaskia, Illinois area a short time before buying land in the Bond county. Kaskaskia, in Randolph Co., was the location of one of the major land offices for southern Illinois. Never-the-less, the Koonce family is in the 1850 Bond county IL census, farmers owning land just outside of Greenville, and young 17 year old Joseph is listed with two of his brothers (Christopher & Nicholas) and three of his sisters (Sarah, Elizabeth, & Mary F.). In the 1860 census of the same county, Joseph is living with his brother, Nicholas N., as a "farm hand", but owning \$1,000 in real estate, possibly part of his inheritance, his father having died the year before.

At the outbreak of the Civil War and possibly following the lead of his older brother, George, in support of the Union, Joseph enlisted in the Union Army on the 12th day of August, 1861

at Greenville, Illinois for a term of 3 years. He was originally in Company D, third Regiment of the Illinois Cavalry Volunteers where he rose to the rank of Sergeant. On 08 FEB 1864, he was honorably discharged from this regiment at Little Rock, Arkansas by order of Major General F. STEELE. One day later on 09 FEB 1864, Joseph enrolled as a First Lieutenant in Company K, Third Regiment of the Arkansas Cavalry under the



JOSEPH LEWIS KOONCE

command of Capt. David HAMILTON. LT. J.L. Koonce served in this unit until the end of the War and was honorably discharge at Lewisburg, Arkansas on 30 JUN 1865. The circumstances around this discharge from one unit and enrollment in a different unit the very next day are unknown at this time. Possibly, the Illinois regiment was reduced in numbers due to casualties and was being disbanded or consolidated with another unit that Joseph didn't want to be apart of? Or possibly, he was being discharged at the end of his enlistment and simply didn't want to return home until the War was over? Or possibly, this transfer was part of the promotion from Sergeant to Lieutenant? [Hopefully in the near future, this author, possibly with help from the Civil

War Editor, David Koonce, can conduct further research into the records of the Third Regiments of the Illinois Volunteer Cavalry and Arkansas Cavalry.] Joseph Koonce's Civil War Record number is 569.999 and his pension record number is 411,325 (pension in 1918 was \$40/month).

After the War, Joseph returne home and on 14 AUG 1867 married Nancy Haws FLOYD, at her father's home near Wisetown in Mills township of Bond county Illinois. She was born 28 FEB 1842, the daughter of George (b. Georgia) and Mary MILLS (b. Bourbon Co. KY) FLOYD of the county and died at her home on East South Avenue in Greenville, IL on 08 SEP 1936. Joseph and Nancy had two sons that lived to adulthood. George Nicholas Koonce was born 13 May 1872 in Bond county IL and died 28 JUN 1899 at Mound City, Pulaski Co. IL. He was a veteran of the Spanish-American War and is buried at the National Cemetery near Mound City. The 2nd son, J. Wallace Koonce was born 26 DEC 1874 in Bond County and just prior to his father's death, was a representative of a large packing concern in the Greenville area. It is uncertain at this time whether J. Wallace Koonce ever married and had a family, but he died in Greenville on 18 JUL 1839, three years after his mother's death. In a "PETITION TO ADMIT WILL TO PROBATE", he left no widow and Milton L. Klaus (a minor) is listed as "sole legatee" along with 15 "Heirs" but, their relationship to the deceased is not specified.

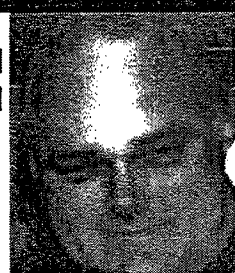
Joseph Lewis Koonce, affectionally called "Uncle Joe" by many of his family and friends, died at his home in Greenville IL on 06 MAR 1919. The following obituary was published in the Greenville Advocate, 10 March 1919:

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KOONCE vs KOONCE

A History of the Koonce Family in the American Civil War, 1861-1865

by David L. Koonce



With the secession of the State of North Carolina on 20 May, 1861. There came a flood of recruits as the sons of the state came forward in political and patriotic fervor. Ultimately North Carolina would field 84 regiments and 26 independent battalions for the confederate services. This includes the "Bethel" regiment which would fight the first land battle of the war at Bethel, Virginia just south of Yorktown and several junior and senior reserve regiments who saw action late in the war. The fight at Bethel produced the first confederate battle death, a North Carolina soldier and another North Carolina regiment fired the last volley of the Army of Northern Virginia at Appomatox. In all, the state furnished 127,000 troops for the confederacy and over 40,000 would rest on the battlefields of that war.

The eagerness to come on line forced several regiments to form and offer their services to the state ahead of the formal secession. So it was with the men of the 2nd regiment, North Carolina State Troops. The date of rank of the field officers was 8 May 1861, company officers dated from 16 May. The regiment would have eleven companies, numbered A thru K and began with slightly over 1300 men. Charles C. Tew was elected Colonel, William P. Bynum it Lieutenant Colonel and William R. Cox its Major. The men of Company G, composed entirely of men from Jones County, North Carolina, elected Harvey A. Sawyer as their Captain, Lieutenants were Simon E. Koonce, W. J. Dickerson, Robert Jones and Hiram Sawyer, brother of Harvey. Among its noncommissioned officers were Calvin H. Koonce, elected corporal 21 May 1861. In total, Co. G begins the war with 140 men. From its inception thru 9 April 1865 it would always be a part of the Army of Northern Virginia under General R.E. Lee. It will engage in 21 battles and 25 engagements. Of all the major battles fought under General Robert E. Lee, the 2nd regiment and Co. G would miss only the 2nd Manassas battle. In the end

at Appomatox Company G would surrender with four men in its ranks.

The Koonce family heavily populated Company G. The aforementioned Simon E. Koonce was born 5 Dec 1838 the son of John Koonce and Harriet Parsons. Simon will resign his commission on 16 September 1861, however this graduate of Trinity College is not out of the war. He will reenlist as a company officer in Company K, 61st North Carolina. *(This company, known as Koonce's Guerillas, and Simon E. Koonce will be highlighted in a later article.)*

Corporal Calvin H. Koonce, B-1839 son of Calvin and Amanda Koonce continues the line, followed by Privates, John P. Koonce B-14 Oct 1840, D-15 Oct 1872 husband of Virginia A. Koonce, Elijah B. Koonce B-1843 D-4 Jul 1863 son of James Wiley Benjamin Koonce and Mary Jane Hawkins, Emanuel F.B. Koonce B-1822, D-3 May 1863 son of Rev. Emanuel Koonce and Elizabeth Bryan, Michael Koonce Jr. B-18 Nov 1844 D-11 Aug 1921 son of Michael Koonce, Sr. and Leah Battle, Richard H. Koonce B-1809 son of Jacob Koonce, Jr. and Lydia Swiley, William B. Koonce B-1829 and Richard Koonce B-23 Sep 1842 the husband of Fanny Whitaker. *(Note to Readers - I have been able to find little on William B. and Richard Koonce, listed in the company roster. Anyone with information and/or photographs on any of the above persons and is willing to loan me that information for copying please do not hesitate to do so. Dave)*

Organization for the unit began at Camp Advance near Garysburg North Carolina in June 1861 and the regiment was fully mustered in and declared fit for service on 19 June 1861. The regiment was sent north and spent the next six months near Fredricksburg, Va, where it engaged in drilling and camp exercise and picket duty. The regiment arrived too late to be included in the first Battle of Bull Run. Remember at this point in the war the Confederacy as well as the

United States or Union forces were engaging in building up their forces and training the large number of raw recruits, protecting their immediate borders was the primary concern of both sides.

In response to the Burnside expedition against the coast region of North Carolina during March and May 1862 the regiment was transferred south to Goldsboro, North Carolina. Engaging in picket duty again, the regiment was again transferred this time from May thru late June 1862 to Fort Wilmington, North Carolina where Capt. Matt Manly of Co. D states they were engaged in throwing up sand walls and fighting fleas. Hearing about the fighting around Richmond at Seven Pines and Williamsburg, the officers of the regiment presented a petition to be sent to the front in Virginia, claiming "This was not a home guard regiment." While such a request speaks well of the men of the regiment in that they wanted to share the danger or perceived glory of the other North Carolinians, we can only wonder if this request was ever regretted. The request was granted. In late June, 1862 the regiment left Wilmington and its war of fleas for the real war.

Seven Days and Malvern Hill

By late June 1862, the Army of the Potomac under General George B. McClellan was completing its push up the Virginia Peninsula and was on the outskirts of Richmond. Some units were close enough to see the spires of the tallest buildings and hear its church bells. The Confederate commanding general, Joseph Johnson was wounded and the command of the confederate forces devolved to General Robert E. Lee. Lee concentrated what forces he could and attacked, so too did the 2nd regiment. After the Seven Days and Malvern Hill it was said of the 2nd Regiment that when they attacked they never stopped until told to do so by their commanding officer.

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KOONCES OF THE NORTHEAST

(Reprinted from the Greenville, IL Advocate, Monday 10 March 1919)

AGED VETERAN DIES; FUNERAL HELD SATURDAY

Joseph L. Koonce, who served four years during the Civil War as a first lieutenant in the Third Illinois Cavalry, died at his home on East South Avenue in Greenville, at 2:45 p.m., Thursday, after a two week's illness, caused by high blood pressure. He had been unconscious a large part of the time during the two weeks. He was aged 85 years, 3 months and 16 days at the time of his death. Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, conducted by Rev. W. H. Kendall, assisted by Rev. J.G. Wright. Greenville Lodge No. 245, A.F. & A.M., of which the deceased was a member, had charge of the service at the grave in Montrose cemetery. Colby Post 301, G. A. R., of which Mr. Koonce was past commander, attended the services in a body. The pall bearers were John D. Biggs, F.E. Watson, H.W. Reidemann, E.E. Elliott, R.S. Denny, and J.F. Powell.

Joseph Lewis Koonce was born November 18, 1833 at Harpers Ferry, VA, and was a son of Nicholas and Elizabeth Koonce. In 1842, he emigrated to Illinois with his parents and settled down on a farm east of Greenville. He enlisted in the Third Illinois Cavalry at the beginning of the Civil War and served until the end. On August 14, 1867, he married Miss Nancy Floyd at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Floyd near Wisetown, and 18 years ago they moved to Greenville, where they have since resided. Mr. Koonce has been a continuous resident of Bond county for 76 years. He is survived by his wife and by one son, J. Wallace Koonce of this city. One son, George Nicholas, died at Mound City in 1899. Mr. Koonce was the last of a family of ten children.

The deceased was a mail carrier on Rural Route 2 out of Greenville, when the rural route system was first inaugurated. He also served as town clerk of Central township several years. He has been a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church for over forty years, and was a regular attendant at the First Presbyterian church in this city up until his last illness.

MAY FRANCK KOONCE

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very low. Finally she got it all clear of debt, but it wasn't easy.

May was a good cook who liked to entertain. She loved people. When her Fayetteville relatives visited in the twenties the kerosene lamps were set aside and the carbide lights were turned on. Vegetables and flowers from the garden abounded because Aunt May liked gardening and was always getting a new flower or shrub to plant.

She belonged to the Methodist Church in Richlands, which she attended regularly. She also belonged to the Daughters of the American Revolution. She enjoyed going places. Her sister Sallie was very protective of May in her later years and told people that she felt she should stay home and watch May. When May was 80 years old, her Cousin, Rhodes Brock, all packed to return to Fullerton, California, stopped by in his truck to say "goodbye." He turned to May and said: "Come, go to California with Me." May got her clothes and herself into the truck. Sallie was left in Francktown with nobody to watch. Three weeks later, after also visiting her sister "Jenny" in New Mexico, May flew to Washington, where I met her plane and drove her back to Francktown.

Mays sisters did not have her stamina. She lived to be 20 years older than Sallie. Even at 90 she liked to walk, rake leaves and pick up limbs and pecans to give away. My mother, Flora, would go along and do much of what May wanted to do. But her sister Jane tried to boss May and thought she should spend more time sitting and rocking, this was not for May!

May spent her entire live in Francktown with the exception of the 9 months when she was married and the last year of her life, which was spent in a nursing home. She passed away on May 22, 1980 at 95 and is buried in the Francktown Cemetery beside her husband who had died 68 years earlier.

(Sources: Personal knowledge; memories; tombstone; stories told me by my mother and aunts.)



SOUTH TEXAS KOONCES

by "Texas Bob" Leon Koonce



This article is a follow on Alice Koonce's story of the Christopher Koonce family in earlier issues of the KOONCE to KOONCE. It is based on material compiled by Alice Koonce, Teresa Tynes, Carolyn Ericson and Bobby L. Koonce and from conversations with Mary Roburties Luman Koonce and Robert Barton Koonce.

James Carroll Koonce and his wife, Susan C. Johnson, and seven children moved from Union Parish Louisiana to Nacogdoches County Texas between 1846 and 1850, thus providing the foundation for generations of Texans. After settling in Texas, James Carroll and Susan had five additional children. Their tenth child and eighth son, George W. (William) Koonce was my great grandfather.

George W. Koonce was born on 24 October 1855 in Nacogdoches county and grew up in the vicinity of the Swift community in Nacogdoches County. On 30 August 1875 at the age of 19, he married Frances Marie (Fannie) Cooper. George and Frances brought seven children into the world prior to his untimely death on 30 May 1894. He was killed by a falling tree while working timber in the piney woods of East Texas. His death left a thirty-eight year old widow with seven children between the ages of three and eighteen. We can envision that times were extremely difficult for the family. Frances married David Mackey about three years later and bore a son, Sterling Mackey. Frances died on 1 Jan. 1926 in Shelby County Texas.

My grandfather, John Barton Koonce was George W. and Frances' fifth child and was born on 27 January 1885 in the community of Attoyac in Nacogdoches County. John was about nine when his father was killed. When John was about twelve, he left the Mackey home and lived with neighbors Joseph W. and Sarah Dearing Luman. The 1900 census indicates the Mackeys and Lumans were next door neighbors in the Attoyac community. Joseph and Sarah had five children including a daughter, Mary Roburties, who was born on 21 April 1884 in Logan County,



John Barton & Mary Roburties Koonce
about 1939-40

Arkansas. John Barton and Mary Roburties became sweethearts and were married on 14 October 1906 in Attoyac.

Within a short time, John Barton and Mary Roburties, along with her father and mother, packed their worldly possessions in a single covered wagon and left the relative security of the established community of Attoyac and headed southeast through the piney woods of East Texas for a new beginning. When they departed, they had no idea where the journey would end. Mary Roburties recounted stories of a leisurely journey consisting of frequent stops to fish, hunt and enjoy the bounty of the land. Sometimes they would stop for several days. Their journey took them across 375 miles of Texas prairie and hill country to finally arrive in Uvalde, Texas. Uvalde is located on the Leona River and was settled in 1853 by ranchers amid Indian raids. Plentiful river water provided source for crop irrigation and a livelihood for John by pumping water during their stay.

They were in Uvalde for the birth of their first child, George William Koonce, on 2 August 1907. They were soon joined by John's brother, James Madison

Koonce and his wife Lillie Blankenship Koonce from Attoyac.

A new opportunity for work came along about 1908 in an attempt to revitalize a mineral water springs resort southeast of San Antonio, Texas in the community of Sutherland Springs in Wilson County. Sutherland Springs had been established in 1831 as the plantation headquarters of the Sutherland family. The site on the Cibolo Creek was selected because it contained both hot and cold flowing mineral water springs. By the early 1860's, Sutherland Springs was a health resort and had a large hotel. The Civil War, the decline of the plantation system and troubles of Reconstruction left Sutherland Springs a small farming community.

John, Mary, her parents and new baby loaded up the wagon and headed for the greener pastures 120 miles away. Their 2nd child, Homer Leo Koonce, was born there on 1 Nov. 1909. This new opportunity was dashed when a diphtheria epidemic broke out in Sutherland Springs and took many lives. Fortunately, John and his family were spared from the illness.

As soon as they were able to leave the quarantine, they once again gathered their possessions and traveled about 80 miles southeast to the community of Skidmore, Texas in Bee County. Five children were born in Skidmore: Thomas Alvin on 7 August 1912; Robert Barton (my father) on 22 May 1915; Ernest Manual on 26 July 1917; Dorothy Jewell on 6 October 1919; and Earl B. on 4 July 1922.

John had a knack for being able to fix just about anything and he worked in several automobile garages and at odd jobs repairing machinery and equipment. John opened his own garage, selling and repairing autos, and operated it until a fire wiped out essentially the whole town including the garage. The business enjoyed a good reputation and drew customers from San Antonio to Corpus Christi. He and a part-

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At Mechanicsville on 26 June they were the first troops across a repaired bridge and the first to attack the Union entrenchments, in so doing they paused only to ask that Confederate States President, Jefferson Davis, go to the rear out of danger. Mr. Davis, out of concern, had come out of the capital to see his forces in action. It is reported he declined the request and crossed the bridge with the 2nd Regiment. In the attack, under heavy cannon fire, the Union forces were not driven but pulled out after dark.

The next day at Cold Harbor, in pursuit of withdrawing union forces, the Regiment again attacked, they got so far forward in the attack they had to endure several volleys of fire from their own regiments on either side of them, again they were stopped only when the flanking regiments on either side could not keep up. By then the Union forces were beaten and withdrawing again.

The next three days were taken up by pursuit of retreating Union forces. McClellan, believing he was outnumbered two to one, (he had about 100,000 men) was fleeing before the assault of less than 45,000 confederates. A lot has been written about General George B. McClellan, ultimately he was good trainer of men, a good organizer and planner. When it came to actual fighting he lacked the extra something that is required to win battles. He simply would not take chances. However, in his withdrawal from Richmond he did something right. He fell back on his supply base on the James River where his army could be protected by the massed fire of federal gunboats in the river. He also took possession of a low eminence called Malvern Hill that overlooked his position. The crest of the hill he covered with his own artillery and infantry and waited for the confederates to come to him. Gen. R. E. Lee after a week of steady fighting obliged. Lee acting on reports from his subordinates believed the hill could be taken with a determined charge. He sent his artillery up to try and beat down the union defences, the better union artillery instead beat down his artillery. Ignoring

this clue to the strength of the defences the brigades of Generals Early, Hill and Mahone were sent up the open sides of the hill. The battle report of Colonel (later General) John B. Gordon commanding the 6th Alabama Infantry, states that his unit, along with Colonel Tew's 2nd North Carolina Regt. on his left, moved forward thru dense woods stopping at the edge of a clearing 700 to 800 yards from the Union position. There, receiving orders from Maj. Gen. D.H. Hill, he attacked across the open field at the enemy batteries. The report goes on to state the courage of troops was severely tried, the troops moved under the terrible cannon fire until within 200 yards of the enemy when they were swept by musket fire. Unable to advance, the men were ordered to lie down and a request for help was sent. Help could not reach them and finally they were ordered back. The Union position was not taken. The 2nd N.C. suffered 20 dead, 96 wounded at Malvern Hill. The wounded included its Capt. Harvey Sawyer, and Private John P. Koonce.

South Mountain

While the war continued elsewhere, the Army of Northern Virginia consolidated its gains and continued to watch the Army of the Potomac as it lay bottled up on the James River. Both sides needed the rest. As the summer continued operations continued in the nearby Shenandoah Valley and a new army under General Pope began a push from Washington, D.C. to Richmond, Virginia. Ending in the Second Manassas and serving the purpose of forcing McClellan off the Virginia Peninsula and back on Washington, and freed up the troops watching him. Once more with a concentrated army, Lee went over to the offensive and began his first invasion of the north. Crossing into Maryland and trying to keep the Blue Ridge Mountains between himself and the Army of the Potomac, Lee kept forces in the mountain passes blocking them while he split his own army and set about capturing much needed stores at Harpers Ferry.

With General Lee's troop movements and plans in his pocket (found in a field outside Fredericksburg, Virginia, wrapped in three cigars) General McClellan began moving to force the mountain gaps and destroy the invading confederates. At a small rocky place called South Mountain elements of his army under Abner Doubleday (Baseballs inventor) attempted the crossing at Turners Gap. From the heights, General Daniel H. Hill with only 5,000 men watched them come. Below, spread out on the slopes was the entire Army of the Potomac minus only Franklin's Corps, about 60,000 men. All General Hill had to do was stop them for one day while General Lee consolidated. Hill also knew he would get no help. General Hill, never accused of being one of the most timid men in the southern army, later confessed that day he had never felt so lonely.

While the gap was not so steep it was difficult climbing, rocks and thick clumps of mountain laurel slowed down the attacking union forces and gave the confederates time to use their artillery to reduce the attackers and then engage the infantry only when close. At times the fighting was hand to hand. The first attack was beaten off, in its ranks were men of the 23rd Ohio Infantry, wounded and carried from the field that day was its Lt. Col. Rutherford B. Hayes, not injured but present was its regimental sergeant, William McKinley. Both men would survive the war and each in turn go on to become President of The United States of America. The second attack was conducted by the hard fighting General Reno, with troops from Michigan, Pennsylvania and Mass. In the end, they also were beaten back, unable to drive the confederates from behind numerous stone walls. When they went back, General Reno was among their dead. A third attack came quickly, this time under General Gibbon and with the men of the Union "Iron Brigade" the never defeated troops from Wisconsin, Michigan and Indiana. They also hit the mountain laurel, fences and rock walls. Finally they got to the top and the last stone wall and the last of the now exhausted confederates.

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ner built a new garage and operated it under the name of the KT Garage. John's ankle was crushed in a hoist accident and while he was recovering, the business deteriorated. When he returned, the business was ruined and he was heavily in debt. He continued to work in auto garages in the Skidmore area.

In 1923, John was approached by the owners of a cotton gin in the small community of West Portland in San Patricio County, Texas to manage and run the gin. He was sought because of his reputation with machinery. The gin had been constructed in 1922 just across the bay north of Corpus Christi, Texas and had been operated one year by an interim manager. John was offered \$100 per month for the job and he gladly accepted. On 4 July 1923, the now much larger family moved to another new beginning. This time the journey was about thirty miles to the southeast and was made by auto through rough trails and brush.

On 28 February 1925 John and Mary's last child, Johnny L., was born. John managed the gin for about eight years. During this time, he and the boys earned enough extra money to purchase several small plots of land with mineral rights on the north shore of the Nueces Bay just across from Corpus Christi, Texas. Both land and wages were very cheap. John left the gin in about 1932 and was replaced by Jesse Koonce, his nephew, son of his older brother, James Madison Koonce. Jesse managed the gin for about nine years. My father, Robert Barton Koonce, managed the gin from 1943 through 1951 then he left the gin to devote full time to farming.

Times were very hard in 1932 during the Depression when John and family moved to their land and lived in a small home which they had completed in about 1927. They struggled for several years doing odd jobs and growing a few cows and other livestock and raising vegetables in their garden. In 1939 a producing oil well was drilled on their land and a small income eased their lives.

John took care of and shared his possessions with Mary's parents from the time they left Nacogdoches until their deaths because of their concern, caring and love for him during his teen years. Joseph W. Luman died at John's home on 3 November 1925 and is buried in Taft, San Patricio County, Texas. Sarah Dearing Luman died 5 February 1942 in John's home and is also buried in Taft.

John Barton Koonce died on 18 February 1945 at his home and is buried in Taft beside Joseph and Sarah. Mary Roburties died on 5 October 1972 in Taft and is buried beside her husband and parents. They were the proud parents of eight children and twenty grandchildren.

I have many fond memories of my Granddad and Grandmother Koonce and of Granny Sarah as she was called - but I think I'll save those for another time.

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??? QUERIES ???

Who were the Parents of Samuel KOONCE that was born about 1841. Samuel married Mai Madison and lived in Sharon, Pennsylvania. Are they the same family of Koonces that lived in Clarksville, Pennsylvania?

Alfred KOONCE, born 17 November 1906, is a grandson of Samuel & Mary Koonce and is the fourth of eighteen children born to Francis Samuel Koonce, 1861-1938 and Matilda Ceiga. What happened to the rest of that family?

When did Samuel & Mary bring their family to Indiana?

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Philip Kuntz, born in Germany and came to this country and settled in York Co., PA near Franklin & Carroll Townships. Died in 1815. had children: Michael, 1780-1880; Philip, 1781-1862; Jacob 1783-1802; Elizabeth; Mary; Rebecca; Susanna; John b. 1800-1879.

What happened to the family of George Koontz b. 1796. He had a son George A. Koontz b. Pennsylvania. Did some of them move to IL?

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Need any information on the family of James E. Koonce, b. abt 1866. m. Narcissa Scott. Sons name is Usher David Koonce, b. 4 Dec 1886, m. Mary Susan Raynor. Usher & Mary had a daughter named Idell Koonce, b. 9 June 1913, m. Harry Walso Dotson.

Where can I buy a copy of the following books? DeGraffenreid's book; Jones Co. North Carolina History and Genealogy, compile by Julia Pollock Harriet.

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Both sides report having to take ammunition from the dead and wounded. Darkness came, still the fight raged on, neither side giving up. General McClellan reports watching the fighting after dark by the twinkling fire of the muskets. Total darkness and the inability to fight a battle in the dark with only voice communication, I also suspect exhaustion, stopped the fight. The Iron Brigade did not retreat but slept where they were, among the wounded and dead. So did the men of confederacy and the men of Garland and Andersons Brigades of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 20th, 4th, 13th, 23rd, and 30th North Carolina. Early the next day, General Hill having won his day pulled his troops off South Mountain and Turners Gap. Of wounds received at South Mountain, Private William B. Koonce dies at Boonsboro the next day, 15 Sep. 1862.

Antietam

After South Mountain and Harpers Ferry, the Army of Northern Virginia, barely 40,000 strong, formed along a little creek called Antietam and in the Village of Sharpsburg. General McClellan finally getting thru the mountains converged on the confederates. Now with the Brigade of General G. B. Anderson the veterans of the 2nd were given the center and filed a small sunken road that ran along the lines. On September 17, 1862 the union army attacked. At first the action was to the left. Hard fighting took place in the West and East Woods, around the Dunkard Church and the Cornfield. Then in the center the fighting came. It was the brigades of Rhodes and G.B. Anderson who first held the sunken road, hereinafter known as Bloody Lane. After repeated attacks, the men Rhodes Brigade broke leaving only Anderson. Only after severe fighting with volleys delivered at thirty paces was the brigade and the 2nd N. C. pushed back. A series of sharp counter attacks with other regiments hastily assembled regained the lane and there was even a short attack made by some 200 men of various regiments that came close to stopping the union attacks all together. In the end Anti-

etam was a bloody draw and became the bloodiest single day of the entire war.

In 1897 the survivors of Meaghers Union Brigade who had attacked the sunken lane placed a plaque near the crest of hill at the end of the Bloody Lane, where the 2nd Regiments was posted. The placard says "Here Meagher's New York Brigade charged, and after a bloody and desperate encounter at thirty paces, were obliged to retire." A few feet away, at the lane, another placard says "Here Andersons North Carolina Brigade stood and checked the advance of the enemy, driving him back with great slaughter." Anderson's Brigade was made up of the 2nd, 4th, 14th and 30th North Carolina Regiments. Anderson and Tew were both killed in the fighting.

General Hill in his after action report says that in spite of hunger and fatigue the officers and men fought most heroically in the two battles in Maryland. He also states that of the 5,000 engaged

he had suffered 3,241 casualties, nearly two thirds of his entire force.

Fredericksburg

The retreat from Maryland for the Army of Northern Virginia was a bitter one. The army needed rest and refitting, not to mention new recruits. But the war dance continued, the Army of the Potomac now under General Ambrose Burnside began yet another move on Richmond. This time the route was direct, straight from Washington to Richmond, but then Burnside was a direct type of person with little ability for finesse. At Fredericksburg on 13 Dec 1862 he forced a crossing of the Rappahannock River and repeatedly tried to take by storm a defensive position known as Marye's Heights. He was bloody repulsed. The 2nd regiment was on the right flank and not engaged here and received only the shelling of the enemy. Burnside was fired, as had been McClellan, and General Joe Hooker replaced him. *(To be continued in the October issue)*

Editors Corner

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on. He may even have a drawing of it. This will be checked out and verified before we call on Donald Brock Koonce to build a model of it for our archives. Speaking of archives, if you have any Koonce artifacts you would be willing to donate or loan to the Koonce Museum, please contact me. I have been in contact with Maurine Childs Parker and her niece, Marletta Childs. Maurine has written a book which includes Koonces and relatives. An excerpt from it can be found on page 9. Both of these ladies have taken issue with some of my information. The first is the wife of George Koonce 1704-1778. I had her name as Mary L'Earge. This came from my early research before I found out how important it is to keep records of sources of information. At this time I have no record of where this came from.

I had a telephone conversation Saturday with Charles R. Holloman, Raleigh, NC, who also has written on Koonces and is a great grandson of Wiley (James Wiley Benjamin) Koonce (see page 4 middle column). He is going to send me documentation that shows her name was Zeorgia. Charles has her fathers will. Also we plan do offer some of Charles' work. I will continue to correspond with him.

The GREATER KOONCE GOLF CLASSIC AND GATHERING will be held Saturday August 19. Golf will start at 9:00 AM SHARP at Chabré Golf Course, Somerset, WI and the gathering will be at the public park on the St. Croix River in Bayport, MN starting at 1:00 PM. For information and reservations on golf contact, "MNBOB" Koonce at 612/777-2985. For the gathering contact Patricia Koonce at 612/739-9625.

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WHY ME, LORD? *by Cicil Irene Chuck*

My home, though it's modest, is cheerful and warm,
 My pantry is filled, I can ride out a storm.
 Around me are family and friends I can see,
 I'm so thankful, dear Father, but why me, Lord, why me?
*Others are suffering and hungry and cold,
 And homeless and lonely with oppression untold.
 Why was I born, Lord, with the gift to be free
 Instead of those others? Why me, Lord, why me?*
 All colors, all races, all kinds, every creed,
 I know they're my brothers and sisters in need.
 I know I'm not better so that's not the key,
 And I'm not more deserving so why me, Lord, why me?
*As I accept, Lord, these gifts that you send,
 I'll thank you so humbly each day till the end,
 But always I'll ponder this deep mystery.
 Why should I be blessed so? Why me, Lord, why me?*

DONALD BROCK KOONCE, SR., MD

Donald Brock Koonce was born at his parents' home Wilmington, NC. Family tradition indicates that when Donald was born his father owned a prize hunting dog, an English Setter so the story goes, named Donald. Unable to settle on a name for the baby, Dr. Koonce changed the dog's name to Jack and christen the baby "Donald".

He graduated from New Hanover High in 1922 and the U of N. C. with an A.B. degree in 1925, after only 3 years. While at the University, he was a member of the 1924, undefeated, National Champ. basketball team and belonged to both the Phi Chi and Phi Delta Theta fraternities. He did his graduate work at the U of PA and received an M.D. degree in 1929.

Following an internship at the Protestant Episcopal Hospital in Philadelphia and a residency in surgery at the Kensington Hospital, also in Philadelphia, he returned to Wilmington. He went into practice with Dr. Thomas Green and worked closely with Dr. Edward Jenner Wood - later marrying his only daughter.



Donald Brock Koonce, Sr. MD

He went on to become a member of the American Board of Surgery and founder of the N.C. Surgical Association. He was President of the N.C. Medical Society in 1956 and served as Speaker of the House of Delegates from 1959-1962. He was Chair. of the N.C.

delegation to the AMA in 1974. He was a founding member of the N.C. Chapter of the American College of Surgeons and its Pres. in 1964. He served as Pres. of the N.C. Div. of the American Cancer Society and was Chair. of the Governors council to research the disease. He was on an AMA 10 member task force to study cancer in 1972. In 1973 he was appointed a member of the Nat'l Joint Commission of Hospital Accreditation. He was a life member and founder of the Southeastern Speakers Bureau and served on the board of 1st Union National Bank of NC from 1969-1975.

Their first house was on 15th Street in Wilmington where Donald, Jr. was born. There were two more moves until, 1964 when he purchased Dr. Marsden Bellamy's house on Live Oak Parkway and lived there until his death in 1975.

After his death a portion of the library in the New Hanover Medical Center was set up in his name. On Nov. 22, 1994 he was recognized by the New Hanover Medical Center as a Distinguished Physician.

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JAMES A. KOONCE RESCUES WWII SAILORS

James A. Koonce, ADM 3rd, speaking to some 2,000-3,000 visitors at the dedication for the long overdue monument honoring those 880 men who bravely gave their lives so that we might live.

All other speakers had prepared detailed speeches as to what part their ships played in the rescue. Our ship, the Ralph Talbot DD 390 had only two crew members from the Talbot at the 3 day meeting (No Officers).

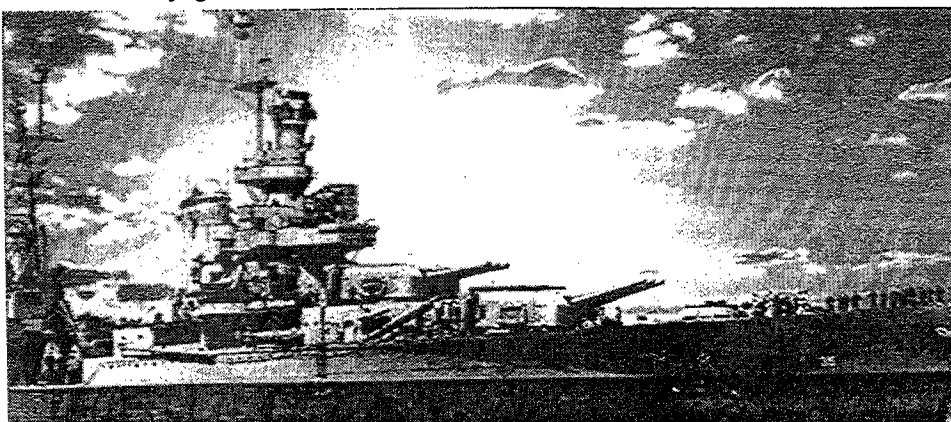
Some 2000-3,000 people were at the meeting. This (a 2 1/2 hour meeting) was to let family members ask questions and seek any information that anyone might know about their loved ones. There were 19 members from one family. Parents, children and grandchildren.

I had to speak off the cuff, but by so doing I met 4 survivors that I helped pick up from the 5 nights, 4 days in shark infested waters near the Philippines.

(The following is the text of a newspaper article sent in by James Andrew Koonce, Florence, Alabama. James is the son of James Franklin Koonce. His grandfather was George Roach Koonce. James A. and Melve (nee Moody) Koonce had one child, Shirley Annette He is a direct descendant of Johann Koonce (1675-1711), the first Koonce in America..

Jimmie Koonce has seen 50 years pass

since the last American warship, to be sunk during World War II, became a watery grave for almost 900 sailors, but memories of the aftermath of the sinking



USS Indianapolis before it was sunk by a Japanese submarine on July 30, 1945

remain vivid.

James A. Koonce was a radar operator aboard the destroyer Ralph Talbot when the ship received a radio message Aug. 2, 1995, to proceed at top speed from submarine patrol duty in the South Pacific to a location between Guam and the Philippines where the USS Indianapolis had been sunk by a Japanese submarine on July 30.

Knowing it was a race against time to save the survivors of the Indianapolis from the shark-infested waters, the Talbot's crew ran the ship so hard they burned out one of its boilers, but even with the damage, the ship was able to travel 250 miles in about 12 hours and began plucking survivors from the water around 4 A. M. on August 3, according to Koonce.

Although Koonce had survived a

Japanese suicide plane attack near Okinawa and he had seen the American flag raised on Iwo Jima, the sight of the carnage left behind by the sinking was still shocking, he said.

"It was the saddest thing I ever saw," Koonce said recently. "I thank the Lord every day that I was able to get back."

Koonce, 83, is among a contingent of survivors of the Indianapolis and the crew members of the ships who helped rescue them that is gathered in Indianapolis, Ind.,

this week for ceremonies to honor the victims of the sinking.

MEMORIAL DEDICATED WEDNESDAY

About 100 survivors of the disaster are expected to take part in the dedication of a granite monument for the victims Wednesday as part of the memorial ceremonies.

The crew of the Talbot was able to rescue 24 of the 316 Indianapolis crewman who survived the sinking.

Most of those who did survive were in ill health when help arrived.

Koonce said being in the water for more than three days before being rescued took a toll on the survivors. He said they had water sores and were sunburned and dehydrated. Many were suffering from

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EDITORS CORNER

by John Paul Koonce



With this issue we mark the end of our second great year of the KOONCE to KOONCE Newsletter. Thanks again Y'all.

David L. Koonce, our Civil War editor, is finalizing the Koonce Research meeting in Nashville, TN to be held at the Hampton Inn August 7, 8, 9, 1996. Anyone interested in attending and doing research or sharing Koonce data should contact David at: 1 Caribou Court; Fairfield, OH 45014 or call him at (513) 874-6711. The idea behind this meeting is to minimize duplication of research and save time and money by sharing our information. If this works out the way David thinks it will, it will become an annual event. Call David with your ideas.

My Daughter, Leah Johnson, who lives in Hawaii, asked me why there is so much information about George Koonce. That's a very good question. The answer, there are a lot of George Koonces. So far I have 63 of them in my files. Another confusing thing I was asked about on a recent trip to Illinois. Lee Ray, who is in my direct line of Koonces, said we were from Pennsylvania based on the article in the April 1994 issue on page 7, which contains the statement, "Joseph is head of our

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Joel Ponton & Harriet W. Koonce Married 18 October 1871

This story comes from the "Daughters of The Republic of Texas Patriot Ancestor Album" sent to us by Marleta Childs. 1995

Joel Ponton, son of William and Isabella Moreland Ponton, was a well-known, loved and respected early Texas pioneer. Born July 3, 1802, in Loving, VA, he was educated in the field of medicine. As a young man, Joel was tall and slim with sandy red hair and mustache. His blue eyes reflected love and compassion for others.

On Jan. 5, 1827, Joel married his first wife, Sarah Reavis, in Boonville, MO. To them were born five children: William Lee, Andrew Judson, Jamima Jane, David Barton and Joseph Parthenas. Joel and Sarah arrived in Texas in April 1834, with their first three children and settled near relatives in Gonzales. (Sarah Reavis died Aug. 31, 1837 in Gonzales, TX). He became a prominent country doctor who served Gonzales and a large surrounding area. Deeply religious, he was a minister and evangelist in the Church of Christ and organized the first group in Ezzell.

Joel's father, William, and John Hays were killed by Comanche Indians in May 1834. On Aug. 5, 1840, "Dr. Joel" and Tucker Foley encountered 27 Comanches while out riding. Ponton was knocked off his horse with three arrows and lay still while the band raced after Foley. Seriously injured, Ponton climbed a grapevine-covered tree to save his life. Foley was tortured, killed and scalped.

Joel was married five times, but never while he had a living wife. The second time to Rhoda Delaney (March 28, 1839), who bore him six children: Joel, Alexander, Martha, Ellen Johio, and a sixth whose name is unknown.

His third wife was Mary Henderson, (married July 1850) to whom eight children were born: Sarah, James, Alice, Laura, John, Lena, Henry and Victor Hugo. Joel married a fourth time to Mrs. M. A. Beedle on Jan. 27, 1869. No issue. For the fifth and last time he married Mrs. Harriett W. Koonce on October 18, 1871. No issue.

Besides his 19 children, Joel also raised cattle, farmed and filled minor county offices. Joel's brother, Andrew, was a leader among colonists at Gonzales. He was the alcalde in 1835 (a mayor or chief executive) and first judge of the municipality of Gonzales.

Dr. Joel Ponton died Jan. 15, 1875 in Gonzales, TX. He was honored with an historical marker placed on his grave and dedicated July 24, 1964, on the Koonce land north of Ezzell. (Aurora Willis (Buie) Fairclough, (GGD))

Corrections

On Page 12 of the July issue of the KOONCE to KOONCE Newsletter there was a story by Donald Brock Koonce, Jr. Unfortunately, Donald didn't know I was going to print the story as soon as I did and he hadn't sent in the whole story on his father. His mother, Louise Bellamy (nee Wood) Koonce, died in 1963. In 1965, Donald Brock, Sr. married Louises' cousin, Mary Hargrove Bellamy. On 22 November 1968, Simon Alexander Bellamy Koonce was born to Donald Sr. and Mary Koonce. Simon Alexander (Zander) is now living in Willmington, North Carolina.

As Paul Harvey would say, "Now you know the rest of the story"

1995 GREATER KOONCE GOLF CLASSIC

Chabré Golf Course, Somerset, Wisconsin

The 1995 GREATER KOONCE GOLF CLASSIC, played at Chabré Golf Course, Somerset, WI, is now history. A great time was had by all. The golf tournament was won by Bob Koonce, Oakdale, MN, in a sudden death play-off with last years champion, Dave Dehn. Both golfers came in with 88's, then they replayed the first hole. Bob won with a boggie 4. Dave's 2nd shot found the water, at which point he more or less conceded the hole.

Following are the winners. Bob Koonce, Champion Classic Cup with a gross of 88. Bob Koonce, men's low gross trophy (sudden death play-off vs Dave Dehn-first hole). Julie (nee Koonce) Semple, women's low gross plaque and trophy, 106 gross. Doug McAlpine, men's low net trophy-net 47. Mary (nee Koonce) Johnson, women's

Mary Ellen (nee Koonce) Johnson, daughter of MNBOB & Harriet Koonce, on Chabré Golf Course in Somerset, Wisconsin, prepares to win the trophy for "Womans Low Net Gross" with a net of 62, at the 1995 GREATER KOONCE GOLF CLASSIC.



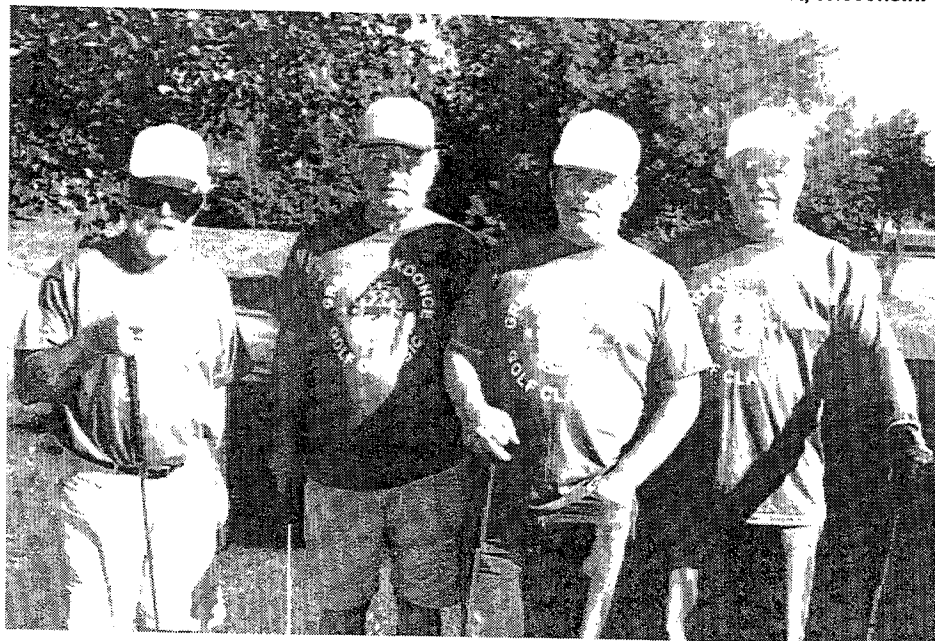
low net trophy-net 62. April Koonce, women's high gross trophy-gross 149. Kieth Holm, men's high gross trophy-gross 116. Justin Reed, closest to hole in one-hole #1, \$20. Julie Semple, women's longest drive-hole #2, \$6. Don Koonce, closest to hole in 2-hole #4, \$6. Alan Andert, closest to hole in 3-hole #5, \$6. Alan Andert, Men's longest drive-Hole #6, \$6. Alan Andert, closest to hole in one-hole #8, \$6 (on or off green). Doug McAlpine, longest putt-hole #9, \$6.

Then off to the park in Bayport, MN on the beautiful St. Croix river for an afternoon of food, horseshoe, swimming, fishing and getting reacquainted with all the relatives we hadn't seen since last year. That's where we all make those pledges of visiting each other more often in the coming year.

If prizes were given for horseshoe, Don & John Koonce were undefeated and would have made a clean sweep.



Robert Jerome Koonce with the special hand crafted club he used to win the 1995 GREATER KOONCE GOLF CLASSIC at Chabré Golf Course in Somerset, Wisconsin.



The original GREATER KOONCE GOLF CLASSIC STARS. Left to Right, Lee A. Koonce; Robert J. Koonce; Donald L. Koonce; James A. Koonce. These are four of the seven sons of Robert A. Koonce 1904-1979. Picture taken by John P. Koonce, the seventh son.

KOONCE vs KOONCE

A History of the Koonce Family in the American Civil War, 1861-1865

by David L. Koonce



(Continued from page 10 of the July 1995 issue)

Chancellorsville

The spring of 1863 found the men of the 2nd Regiment hard at work, picket duty and training were the order of the day. The men rested and grew well, the sick, those that could, returned to the ranks, a few wounded also. The Army of the Potomac made its move, crossing the river fords and moving into the area known as the wilderness and Chancellorsville in an attempt to flank Gen. Lee and drive him out of the Fredericksburg fortification. The men of D. H. Hill's division moved first to cut off this move. The 2nd Regiment and its brigade went with it, now commanded by Col. W. R. Cox. On Friday, 1 May 1863 the regiment drove in enemy outposts as it moved towards Chancellorsville. That night sleeping in place, passwords were used for the first time, the troops were so near each other. The passwords were "Liberty" the countersign "And Independence".

Saturday, 2 May 1862, was the last day Gen. Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson and Gen. R. E. Lee would ever plan a battle. The day was spent by the Army of The Potomac in stopping its advance and digging in around Chancellorsville. Lee,

on the other hand, again split his numerically inferior army. Keeping a small force with him to hold union forces in his front, he gave the rest of the army to

assault, drive the union army from now prepared defenses and attack thru dense underbrush. Once more the brigade and the 2nd regiment did its job. After repeated assaults they

carried all but the last line of union works, caught in a crossfire they were unable to carry the last works, so intense was the fighting that 300 of the regiments 400 men fell in a span of time estimated at less than fifteen minutes. Other regiments of the brigade did carry the works. In the last charge, every man of the color guard of the regiment was shot on top of the breastworks, this unit had recently been reformed and consisted of a sergeant and corporal from each company. The color sergeant when he died, fell forward and the regimental flag was lost, captured by the 7th regiment of the New Jersey Volunteers. Chancellorsville had been costly as victory, General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson was dead. Corporal

Calvin H. Koonce was wounded, Emanuel B. Koonce, Private and now Corporal was Killed.

Gettysburg

Flushed with victory, and now reinforced and over 65,000 strong the Army of

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Fort Hall Prison, Washington, D. C. From Brady's Illustrated History of the Civil War

Gen. Jackson, who spent the day marching around the union right flank. The 2nd regiment and Ramseur's Brigade went with Jackson. In the famous afternoon and evening attack that destroyed the flank of the union army the regiment was not engaged. However, on 3 May 1863 it became necessary to continue the

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JAMES H. KOONCE

James H. Koonce, His Will. Recorded February 23rd, 1816. State of Tennessee

Davidson County

In the name of God, amen. I, James Koonce, of the said State and County, being very low in health but being in sound mind and memory, but knowing all men having to die -- I first commit my sole to God, who gave it, and desire when I desease this life that my body be buried in a Christian manner -- First I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Polly Koonce, one sorrel mare and dark bay filly, one feather bed and furniture, one pot, one large kettle, one dutch oven & one skillet and the pewter and crockery ware and all the utensils about the shelf, one large barshear plough, one pair of drawing chains, one axe, one hoe, one table and chest and half a dozen chairs, two spinning wheels and cards and loom, two cows & calves, the choice of my stock and likewise two steers, two good breeding sows, also two breeding ewes and all the geese and all the poltery. One checkrein and one side saddle & bridle and one meal sifter, all the above articles, above named, I give to her to be her own right and property forever. Likewise bequeath to my beloved wife, Polly Koonce, two negros, to wit; one negro man named Ned, also one negro girl named Amy and house I now live in with twenty acres of land north front of the house, likewise to have privilege to cut timber to support said farm. Also, one bed and furniture and two bedsteads. My desire is that my beloved wife, Polly, should keep my four children with her. Also it is to be understood that the above negros and house and land and bed and furniture and bedstead is only willed to her natural life time or widowhood. In either cases the property to return to the sole use of the heirs. I also will and bequeath unto my beloved mother, Elizabeth Koonce, six acres of land, formerly where Dinah Canada lived. It is my will that at the death or marriage of my wife, Polly, that the above negros, Ned and Amy, be hired out for the benefit of my four children. My desire is that my wife should have fifty barrels of corn and one thousand weight of pork and as much salt as will do her one year. Also I give to my brother, Wright Koonce, my saddle. Also I give to my brother, E. R. Retus, one heifer none (sic) by the name of The Bell Cows Heifer. Argent Koonce, my sister, I leave one heifer yearling. It is my will that my sister, Argent Koonce, should have a negro girl named Jenne, and Bond I have on my mother, Elizabeth Koonce, for her legacy of her father, John Koonce, Dec'd, which I owed her as administrator of her fathers

estate. Also it is my will and desire that all the balance of my property should be sold at a twelve months credit. When money collected and debts paid, the balance of the money to be divided among my four children. I appoint my trusty friends, William Roach, Robert McMillon and George Koonce, my administrators. I do declare this to be my last will and testament given under my hand and seal this seventeenth day of December one thousand eighteen hundred and fifteen.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of us:

William Greer, Hardy Mitchell,
Newton Edney

James H. Koonce, seal

JAMES A. KOONCE, RDM3

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delirium when they were plucked from the ocean.

Koonce said the survivors were so weak that they could not eat regular food for several days after their rescue.

"We had to spoon feed them with tomato juice in water," Koonce said. "We could only feed them two or three spoons full at a time because if we gave them any more, it would have killed them."

While in Indianapolis, Koonce said he hopes to meet some of the survivors the crew of the Talbot rescued.

Along with picking up survivors, the

Talot crew also retrieved the bodies of Indianapolis crew members. Koonce said many of the bodies were in bad shape from exposure and from shark attacks.

WORST NAVAL DISASTER EVER

When the final count of victims of the Indianapolis sinking was tallied, 880 sailors lost their lives, making it the worst U.S. naval wartime disaster ever.

Although a movie was made about the sinking of the Indianapolis, Koonce said it failed to show the full extent of the disaster.

"You can't portray the horror," he said.

"The guys in the picture did a great job of acting, but there is no way you can portray it like it really was."



James Koonce, 1945

ELIZABETH C. KOONCE WRITES HOME — 1848

Taken from "THE HERITAGE OF ONSLOW COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA page 69)

The Battle family fled from Yorkshire, England, into Ireland, from there they migrated to Virginia in 1653. From there they moved on down into eastern North Carolina. The name Battle has been spelled many ways -- but its origin is believed to be French Huguenot.

Ephraim Battle, my ancestor, son of Thomas Battle, was born in Nash Co. and died in Onslow in 1798. He was married twice. Ephraim Battle was appointed captain in Onslow Militia in June 1776.

Ephraim's granddaughter, Leah Battle (1815-1849) was married to Michael Koonce (1807-1848) and they along with her mother and father, Thomas Battle, all migrated to Eufala, Alabama, in 1840. Here the Koonces became the parents of eight children: (1) Thomas, (2) Elizabeth C., (3) Mary C., (4) Leah Simmons (who married James Harrison), (5) Richard (who married Fannie Whitaker), (6) Michael, (7) Calvin (my grandfather who married Laura Cox), and the baby (8) Anne Eliza. When she was only three months old, her father died: when she was eight months old, her mother died. The following letter, written by 15-year-old Elizabeth C. Koonce of AL, back to her relatives in North Carolina, tells the story.

Henry Co. AL -- December 18, 1848

My Ever Dear Aunt Elizabeth Franck,

Thinking you would perhaps be pleased to hear from us all I have concluded to write to you again. I wrote to you about a month since and started it to the office, but the boy I sent it by did not carry it, but buried it by the road. As I have found it I shall not delay to write another. You are a stranger to me Dear Aunt but feel near and dear to me now since the death of my Dear Parents. You feel still nearer as I have no relations anywhere near me except Grandfather and Grandmother, and Oh! what an awful condition

I should be left in if they were to die together with the rest of My Dear little Orphan Brothers and Sisters, but I must try to be reconciled to the Will of the All Wise and Mysterious Providence who sees and knows everything and who has promised to be a Father to the Fatherless. Although it has been years Dear Aunt since you and My Dear Parents separated forever in this life, they still spoke of you with love and affection that not even time, distance or absence could extinguish. Grandmother often speaks of you,

here, I expect they will go to school next year, also Richard.

My school days are over -- Oh! how I'd like to go another year but Grandmother says she cannot do without me on account of the children who would be so much trouble to her. I wish I could just go one more year! Ann Eliza the baby who was 3 months old when Father died and 8 months when Mother died can now walk and talk and is as little trouble as I ever saw a child of her age.

I have said something about all the children except Mike, and Cad, they are well and mischievous as you ever saw two boys. Grandfather says tell Uncle John and Uncle Elijah he will make 30,000 pounds of picked cotton this year. He says the people in East and West Florida are making Turpentine smartly this year and will do even more next year. Aunty, Grandmother speaks sometime as though she would like to go back to N. Carolina . . . She says she did not think it possible she could stay away from you this long. Tell Uncle

John to write to her so she may Die contented about it. She says to tell you to kiss him a hundred times for her. We hear from Uncle Edward and they have had nothing but bad luck since they left AL. They have lost both of their children and five of their Negroes. They purchased land in Jackson Pa., LA 30 miles from the Washita River. Grandmother and Grandfather join me in love to you all!

Please answer soon. Your affectionate Niece, Elizabeth C. Koonce

Research has shown that Thomas J. Whitaker, who came from Jones County to assist Leonard G. Woodward at the Richlands Academy, and married into the Koonce Family, traveled by carriage to Eufala, Alabama, and brought those orphan children back to Richlands where they were reared by relatives in the area.

Sources: Family records; letters; personal knowledge. Annie Koonce Ragsdale
(See related article on page (7))



Calvin Koonce (1846-1921) and Laura Elizabeth Cox

Aunty, and says she feels as though she were forsaken by all her friends as they never will write to her, she says she would like to see you all once more but fears she will not, Tell Uncle John Franck and Uncle Elijah that Grandmother says she has long entertained a hope of seeing them just once more in this life but fears that hope is in vain -- as her time is short in this world. She says to tell them to come to see her. We have been looking for Uncle Elijah this fall, as he wrote he was coming here. Tell Aunt Zephia and Aunt Barbary that Grandmother wants a letter from them -- She has written many letters to them but never received an answer at all --

Tell Mr. Brock she request him to keep a fence around her Children's graves. Aunty, Brother Thomas and Sister Leah went to school part of this year in Columbia about 5 miles away from

CALVIN KOONCE 1846-1921

(From the Onslow Co. NC Heritage Book Page 281.)

Calvin Koonce, son of Michael and Leah (nee Battle) Koonce, was born in 1846 in Henry Co., AL. He died in Onslow Co. NC in 1921. He was Married to Laura Elizabeth Cox, who was born in 1855, near Pleasant Hill, in Jones County, N.C. She died in 1932. They had 12 children.

(1) William Michael Koonce, born 1874 in Trenton, N.C., died in Montezuma, GA, in 1918. He had gone to Georgia to live with his cousin, William McKenzie, to assist him in getting the peach industry started in Georgia. Wm. Michael, was engaged to be married but died unexpectedly. His body was sent back to Onslow Co. He was buried in the Koonce Cemetery outside of Richlands, NC on the day he was to be wed!

(2) Thomas Battle Koonce, born in 1876 in Jacksonville, N.C., pursued a career in insurance, hosiery manufacturing, and merchandising. He married Gertrude Foscue Provost. Their children were: Thomas Battle, Katherine Fonville, Annie Laurie, Jack Calvin and Gene Fonville.

(3) James Herritage Koonce, born in 1878 in Richlands, NC and died in 1912 in Hartsville, S.C., was educated at NCSU in Raleigh as a civil engineer. He was married to Mae Franck.

(4) Calvin Koonce, Jr. born in 1876 in Trenton, N.C. He was a New Bern, NC contractor until his death in 1910.

(5) Lafayette Franck Koonce, born in 1880 in Trenton, N.C. He was educated at the North Carolina State University in Raleigh and at D.V.M. at Kansas City, Mo. He married Bessie Denton, had one daughter, Mary Anne Watson Harkins.

(6) Ann Eliza Koonce, was born in 1883 at Richlands, North Carolina and died at Savannah, Georgia in 1944. She was educated at St. Mary's College in Raleigh, North Carolina.

(7) Marvin Burke Koonce, born in 1885 at Richlands, N.C. Educated at Oak Ridge Academy and NCSU. Lived in Raleigh and operated a storage warehouse. Marvin served as 2nd Lt. in the Army Quartermaster Corps. He married Pauline Williams, children were: Marvin Burke

Koonce (m. Anne Aikin) Calvin Battle Koonce (m. Mary Grady Burnette.)

(8) Laura Elizabeth Koonce, born in 1887 and died in 1968. She was educated at Greensboro College in N.C. She married Dr. Carl Whit Sutton, who was educated at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and received his medical degree at Tulane University in 1905. Their children were: Annie Koonce Sutton, Sarah Battle Sutton, and one son, Carl Whit Sutton.

(9) Franck Hammon Koonce, born in 1889 in Richlands, North Carolina and died there in 1958. He was educated at Oak Ridge Institute and became a successful farmer. He married Lucy Athall Thompson. Their children were: Lucy

Athall Koonce, Marvin Burke Koonce (M. Helen Jarmon) and Emily Burke Koonce who married William Richard Kofron III.

(10) Richard Sidney Koonce, born in 1891 and died in 1959. He was educated at Lenior Rhyne and Kings Business College. He organized the Carolina Storage and Distributing Company in Raleigh, N.C. He married Minnie Russell and they had three children.

Two children, (11) Isaac Brock Koonce and (12) Mary Frances Koonce. Both died in infancy.

(See stories in Oct. 1994 Pg 4 and July 1995 Pg 1.)

Sources: Family records; personal knowledge.

--Annie Koonce Sutton Ragsdale

QUIT CLAIM DEED from the Bond Co. Court House. Page 402.

The Grantors, George W. Koonce and Jane Koonce, his wife; Mary L. Smith and Jacob B. Smith, her husband; Elijah J. Koonce and Cordelia Koonce, his wife; Elizabeth F. Blankenship and John Blankenship, her husband; John H. Koonce and Carolina Koonce, his wife; Cynthia R. Wells and George W. Wells, her husband; Nancy I. Donaldson and William A. Donaldson, her husband; James R. Koonce and Etta Koonce, his wife and Emma J. Bell, a widow.

All of the aforesaid parties, being the only heirs at law of the estate of Martha A. Koonce, late of the village of Mulberry Grove, in the County of Bond, and State of Illinois, deceased, for the consideration of three hundred dollars, convey and omit claim to David L. Jones and Louisa Jane Jones, husband and wife, of the village of Mulberry Grove, in the County of Bond and State of Illinois, all interest in the following discribed real estate.

Lots numbering four (4) and five (5) in block number two (2) of Woollard's third (3rd) addition to the town of Houston, now the village of Mulberry Grove, situated in the County of Bond in the State of Illinois, hereby releasing and waving all rights under and by virtue of the Homestead Exemption Laws of this State.



John Henry & Martha Ann (nee Pigg) Koonce

Dated this the thirteenth day of December A.D. 1899.

Signed, Sealed and delivered in the presence of J. A. Combs, ????

PHILLIP & LOUVILLA KOONCE HAYWOOD COUNTY, TN

(This story was written by a child of James Claud Koonce, on May 1, 1950. Our records do not indicate where it was obtained. This is not the James C. Koonce on page 6 of the January 1995 KOONCE to KOONCE. Do you know who the wife or children of James Claud Koonce were?)

Phillip Koonce was born April 1, 1796. (Ed note. Phillip was the son of Daniel & Catherine McQuillen Koonce and the grandson of George & Susannah Koonce.) He lived and died in Haywood County, TN at or near Brownsville, he married Louvilla Fields, her name may have been Mary Louvilla Fields but it certainly was Louvilla Fields. She was born January 16, 1800. They were married in January 1818. Their children were:

1. David Carroll Koonce, born December 15, 1818, died August 27, 1820.
2. Elizabeth Ann Koonce, born January 27, 1820. Married a man Named Bradberry, March 18, 1840. They moved to Arkansas and lived and died at or near Dewitt. She was Aunt Betty Bradberry, her grandchildren still live around Dewitt.
3. Nancy Emeline Koonce, born September 11, 1821, died in 1853. Married a man named Smith in 1849. They moved to middle or east Tennessee. They had a son named Hugh, that's all I know to date.
4. Catherine McQuillin Koonce, born February 10, 1823. Married John Clements in Haywood County, Tennessee in 1846. They lived and died there and left a family of 8 children. Their grandchildren still live right around there.
5. Daniel Marion Koonce (Uncle Marion), born August 16, 1825. Married October 10, 1848. That is all I know of him to date.
6. George W. Koonce, born May 31, 1827. Married Amanda McClendon in Bradley County, AR on January 27, 1858. They moved to Texas at or near Fairfield leaving family: (a) George W., Jr.; (b) Henry; (c) P. M. (Mack); (d) Augustus Staples (Gus); (e) Louvilla and (f) Mattie. Mack is living at Centerville. Henry is living at Lorenzo, which is just east of Lubbock. Louvilla married a Parker. Mattie married a Critsingers. They are all gone but Henry and Mack. Mack is now about 70 and Henry is about 91. They all left children.
7. Richard Nixon Koonce, born April 25, 1829, died June 6, 1899 at Warren AR. Married Nannie Switzer in Greenwood, MS, July 8, 1857. They lived and died at Warren, AR leaving several children, three who married, left families. Three of his children.

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NEW MEMBERS *(Includes e-mail address if applicable)*

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??? QUERIES ???

October 1995

Any information on Seth Koonce listed as 4-6 years old on the 1850 Sumner Co. TN census. His parents were **Phillip and Elizabeth Koonce**. Their ages were in the early 20's. Ronnie Gibbs 101 Lynn Lee Drive, Old Hickory, TN 37138.
E-Mail, ronnie.gibbs@nashville.com

January 1995

Alfred KOONCE, born 17 November 1906, is a grandson of **Samuel & Mary Koonce** and is the fourth of eighteen children born to **Francis Samuel Koonce**, 1861-1938 and Matilda Ceiga. What happened to the rest of that family?

When did Samuel & Mary bring their family to Indiana?

July 1995

Philip Kuntz, born in Germany and came to this country and settled in York Co., PA near Franklin & Carroll Townships. Died in 1815. had children: Michael, 1780-1880; Philip, 1781-1862; Jacob 1783-1802; Elizabeth; Mary; Rebecca; Susanna; John b. 1800-1879.

July 1995

Need any information on the family of **James E. Koonce**, b. abt 1866. m. Narcissa Scott. Sons name is **Usher David Koonce**, b. 4 Dec 1886, m. Mary Susan Raynor. Usher & Mary had a daughter named **Idell Koonce**, b. 9 June 1913, m. Harry Walso Dotson.

July 1995

Where can I buy the following books? DeGraffenreid's book; Jones Co. NC History and Genealogy, by J. P. Harriet. *Editor*

KOONCE vs KOONCE, *in the Civil War*

(Continued from page 4)

Northern Virginia turned north again. A sharp engagement was had at Martinsburg, W. Va. that on the way the cleared union troops out of the area and allowed Gen. Lee to continue his northerly advance. The Brigade was now commanded by Brig. Gen. Stephen Ramseur, the regiment by Col. Cox. All were still in the command of A. P. Hill and his named Light Division. So called because of its ability to march quickly. The army lived mostly off the land in its route north, the three main corps operating separately, A. P. Hill generally with the commander Gen. R. E. Lee, the corps of Lt. Gen. James Longstreet covering the passes of the Blue Ridge Mountains to screen the movements from union eyes, and the corps of Lt. Gen. Richard Ewell operating ahead of the others as master forager.

The first of July, 1863 was hot and muggy with the threat of summer storms. Believing there were only local militia in the nearby town of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Gen. Hill gave the go ahead to raid the town where it was

believed a supply of shoes were located. General Lee cautioned his commanders that he wanted no full scale engagement as yet but had already given orders for the army to come together at Gettysburg in response to suspected union movements of the Army of The Potomac now commanded by General George Meade. Fate took its own hand.

Coming in from the northwest of Gettysburg the leading brigades of Harry Heth and Joseph Davis ran headlong into a regular cavalry brigade which was able to stop the confederates on the Seminary Ridge and Willoughby Run area until regular infantry began to arrive under General Hancock. The fighting centered around a compact area less than a mile square, bordered on the north by Barlows Hill, on the south

by Willoughbys Run and cut in the center by an unfinished railroad cut that ran to the eastern border of a low stone wall on the back side of Seminary Ridge. With the troops of Heth and Davis stopped and cut to pieces in the area of the railroad cut by men of the Iron Brigade under Gibbons and men of 11th PA, 97th N.Y., 83rd N.Y., 88th PA, 12 Mass and 90th PA under Gen. Baxter who held the stone fence an all out attack was launched by the combined brigades of Iverson, Daniel and O'Neal against the fence area of Oak Ridge, O'Neal was supported by the full brigade of Ramsuer in his rear. Daniels attack got no farther

than the railroad cut, Iverson attacking the center had so many men killed that they lay in rows and when some waved white handkerchiefs to surrender rather than meet the fate of their friends Iverson observing from farther back thought the entire outfit was surrendering in mass. O'Neals Alabamians were also turned as they hit the angle. Then came Ramseur and the men of 2nd

regiment. Enough of them got into the rear of union line that they were able to fire into it and force the withdrawal of the union troops, these were the men of the 14th N.C., the men of the 2nd N.C. were able to turn the flank of the 90th PA who then broke and ran, and the rout was on. Troops under Ewell were now arriving from the north of town and began applying pressure to the union forces and supporting the attack of Ramseur. After a days hard fighting in which over 9,000 confederates became casualties, seminary ridge fell in its entirety to the confederates, the routing union forces fell back into the town with howling confederates in pursuit, 3,000 were captured in the streets of the town and Gettysburg fell to confederates. Union forces re-

grouping on Cemetery Hill south of Gettysburg were able to beat off the weak confederate attacks of the evening and the stage was set for two more days battle. The first day of Gettysburg clearly belonged to the Southerners. It was not without personal cost. Somewhere along the line of Oak Ridge from the Mummasburg Road to the unfinished Railroad cut Elijah Koonce, private, Co. G, 2nd N.C. Regiment was hit. He would die of his wounds on July 4th, 1863.

Fought out, Ramseurs Brigade spent the 2nd day of Gettysburg on the south end of the town of Gettysburg sniping at the federals on Cemetery Ridge. There is a report that Ramseur wanted to assault the ridge but the request was denied.

In the end, Gettysburg was a defeat, the south recoiled and went back to Virginia taking a train of wounded 26 miles long. It was not a defeat for the 2nd regiment, they had accomplished their attack and paid the price.

Mine Run and Kellys Ford

Thru November and December 1863 operations were conducted again on the Rappahannock and Rapidan Rivers in the area of Mine Run. As both sides were juggling for position and still trying to rest from the bloodbath of Gettysburg it consisted of a series of small clashes between regiments and brigades who continually probed one another. Private Richard Koonce, exhausted and ill was discharged from the service just prior to this campaign on 17 Sep. 1863.

On 7 Nov. 1863 while on guard duty at Kellys Ford a sharp union attack was made and the men of the 2nd North Carolina were caught with their back to the river. Fighting hard and without support they withdrew across the river but not until almost three full companies had been cut off, a few were able to swim to safety. No so for Corporal Calvin Koonce, wounded but returned to duty, he is captured and spends the rest of his war the in the Capitol Prison in Washington D.C.

As always, comments and suggestions for future articles, information or just debate on any aspect of the Civil War can be directed to me. David Leon Koonce, 1 Caribou Ct. Fairfield, OH 45014.



Richard H. Koonce 1844-1883 Son of J. W. B. Koonce and brother to Elijah Koonce

TENNESSEE LAND GRANTS

This is a list of land grants in Tennessee compiled by Claudia Zook in 1985. Claudia now lives in Roanoke, VA.

NAME	GRANT #	ACRES	DATE	COUNTY	BOOK & PAGE
Koonce, Amos	24416	47	12-31-1825	Fayette	BB-626
Koonce, Arekias Marion	10663	140	2-1-1850	Hardin	14-194
Koonce, Blackman	23473	61 & 40 Poles	7-27-1854	Bedford	8 occ-40
Koonce, Christopher	6719	75	3-13-1815	Wilson	I-252
Koonce, Danial	10928	22	11-20-1817	Lincoln	0-895
Koonce, Danial	10929	10	11-20-1817	Lincoln	0-895
Koonce, Danial	4607	43	12-22-1840	McNairy	5-975
Koonce, Danial	1056	73	5-20-1845	McNairy	2-146
Koonce, George	15311	50	7-8-1828	Morgan	14-650
Koonce, George	15316	50	7-8-1828	Morgan	14-646
Koonce, George	15317	50	7-8-1828	Morgan	14-644
Koonce, George	12577	50	3-16-1835	Lincoln	15-345
Koonce, George	12232	50	3-5-1834	Lincoln	15-345
Koonce, George	13006	50	6-1-1835	Lincoln	15-345
Koonce, George	13484	50	4-1-1836	Lincoln	16-399
Koonce, George	13554	150	7-9-1836	Lincoln	16-465
Koonce, Isaac	170	153.75	12-30-1842	Haywood	1-A-170
Koonce, James	18389	6	12-10-1822	Williamson	U-809
Koonce, James C.	15314	200	7-8-1828	Morgan	14-649
Koonce, Jarman	24046	50	7-22-1825	Fayette	AA-582
Koonce, Jarman	24047	35	7-22-1825	Fayette	AA-583
Koonce, Jarman	2821	27	9-1-1835	Fayette	4-91
Koonce, John	28769	48.5	4-27-1847	Lewis	2 occ 645
Koonce, John	22868	75 & 5 poles	6-14-1852	Bedford	7 occ-768
Koonce, Lemuel	2035	45	3-19-1810	Bedford	C-341
Koonce, Lemuel	2036	60	3-19-1810	Bedford	C-342
Koonce, Lemuel	3159	31	6-24-1811	Lincoln	D-688
Koonce, Lemuel	22711	100	11-19-1824	Fay. or Hard	Z-294
Koonce, Needham	22195	158 & 80 poles	4-25-1851	Lincoln	7 occ-95
Koonce, Philip	8054	40	10-27-1815	Lincoln	L-367
Koonce, Philip	8860	5	3-18-1816	Lincoln	M-434
Koonce, Philip	8861	5	3-18-1816	Lincoln	M-435
Koonce, Philip	8862	5	3-18-1816	Lincoln	M-436
Koonce, Philip	20751	200	10-22-1823	Tipton	X-187
Koonce, Philip	14181	29 & 69 poles	3-20-1837	Lincoln	B17-163
Koonce, Philip	10066	150	11-10-1849	Haywood	9-A-254
Koonce, Philip	5731	50	5-1-1850	Haywood	8-140
Koonce, Philip	1336	168.75	7-10-1809	Franklin	B-514
Koonce, Philip	1336	168.75	7-10-1809	Franklin	4-271
Koonce, Philip	13043	10	2-12-1819	Lincoln	P-333
Koonce, Philip	16473	17 & 134 poles	6-17-1840	Lincoln	19-573
Koonce, Robert	2828	61.5	9-1-1835	Fayette	4-91
Koonce, Samuel	2822	36.5	9-1-1835	Fayette	4-92
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Editors Corner

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our line." This article was submitted by J. Peter Koonce, Glendale, California. This is his line not mine. If I print something that is confusing, please let me know as soon as possible so it can be corrected. Thanks Lee, for your sharp eye.

Again I want to thank all the members that have sent information about their line of Koonces. I have fallen behind on my correspondence because of the volume of information. Hopefully with fall and winter coming I will get a chance to catch up.

The Koonce Genealogical Society Library is growing. We now have books on the history of Bond County Illinois; Beinnville

Parish, Louisiana; Onslow County, North Carolina and The Commonwealth of Onslow, A History. Two more Civil War books have been donated by Patricia Koonce of Oakdale, Minnesota. Our picture library is growing faster than I can get them copied and framed. We have purchased a 35mm camera with a close-up lens for coping pictures of our ancestors. If you have any pictures of Koonces that you would like to donate or have copied please let me know. You can send copies (not copy machine) or send the pictures and I will copy them. In most cases they can be computer enhanced to improve on the original.

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dren are still living as of last account. His wife died January 4, 1911 at Warren, AR.

8. Mary Jane Koonce, born April 22, 1831, died at Warren, AR. Married 1851 (1859?) Isiaah Worsham. They lived at or near Winona, Mississippi. No Children.

9. P. R. Koonce (Phillip) born October 19, 1832. He went to the Civil War as a confederate soldier and was killed. He was a bachelor.

10. Susan Frances Koonce, born April 11, 1834, died August 2, 1904. Married James (Jim) S. Jones of Brownsville, TN. They moved to Bradley County, AR near Hermitage and later moved to Dewitt, AR. They lived and died there leaving family of children and grandchildren. He died February 16, 1888.

Phillip Koonce and Mrs. Margaret Mounce were married October 6, 1839. Her maiden name was Robberson. She was born April 1, 1805. There Children were:

1. Joana Palmina Koonce, born

September 11, 1840. Married Sid G. Moore. They lived and died in Dyer or Lauderdale Co. TN, leaving children and grand children.

2. Thomas Jefferson Koonce, (Twin) born April 12, 1843, died July 24, 1907 in Lauderdale County, TN. Uncle Jeff married Margaret Catherine Cates, his first marriage. Their children were: (a1) George W., born February 14, 1868 in Lauderdale County, TN. Married Sallie Flora McQuarrie on August 31, 1897 at Prescott, AR. He died in MS December 7, 1937. Sallie Flora McQuarrie was born at Bells, TN December 31, 1877. She lives with son James at Jackson, TN. (b1) James Thomas Koonce, born August 24th, 1880 at Nankappp, Lauderdale County, TN. Married December 22, 1917 to Aussie Verna Dunn-away, born April 1, 1887. (c1) Charles Phillip, who lived and died at Manila, AR. (d1) John E. Koonce, born August 18, 1887. (e1) Josie Belle, married Ed

Keller. Uncle Jeff married Aunt Mackie Tillman, his second marriage. Their children were (a2) Vera, married Charlie Hinton, of Ripley. (b2) Russell E. Koonce, died 1929 in Baptist Hospital, Memphis, TN.

3. James Madison Koonce, (Twin) born April 12, 1843, died January 20, 1909 in Dyer County, TN. Married Margaret Marjorie West in 1866, she was born December 28, 1848, died October 16, 1899 in Dyer County, TN. Margaret was a sister to Uncle Jeff's second wife, Aunt Mackie Tillman. Their children were. (a) Mimmie Lee, born ca 1871, died October 6, 1873 in Haywood County, TN. (b) Henry Emmitt Koonce, born June 12, 1869, died October 3, 1943 in Blythville, AR. (c) Geneva Koonce, born February 5, 1874 in Lauderdale County, TN. (Aunt Jennie Meadows) married December 21, 1890. (d) James Claud Koonce (my daddy) born February 3, 1881, died May 30, 1941 in Clarendon, AR.